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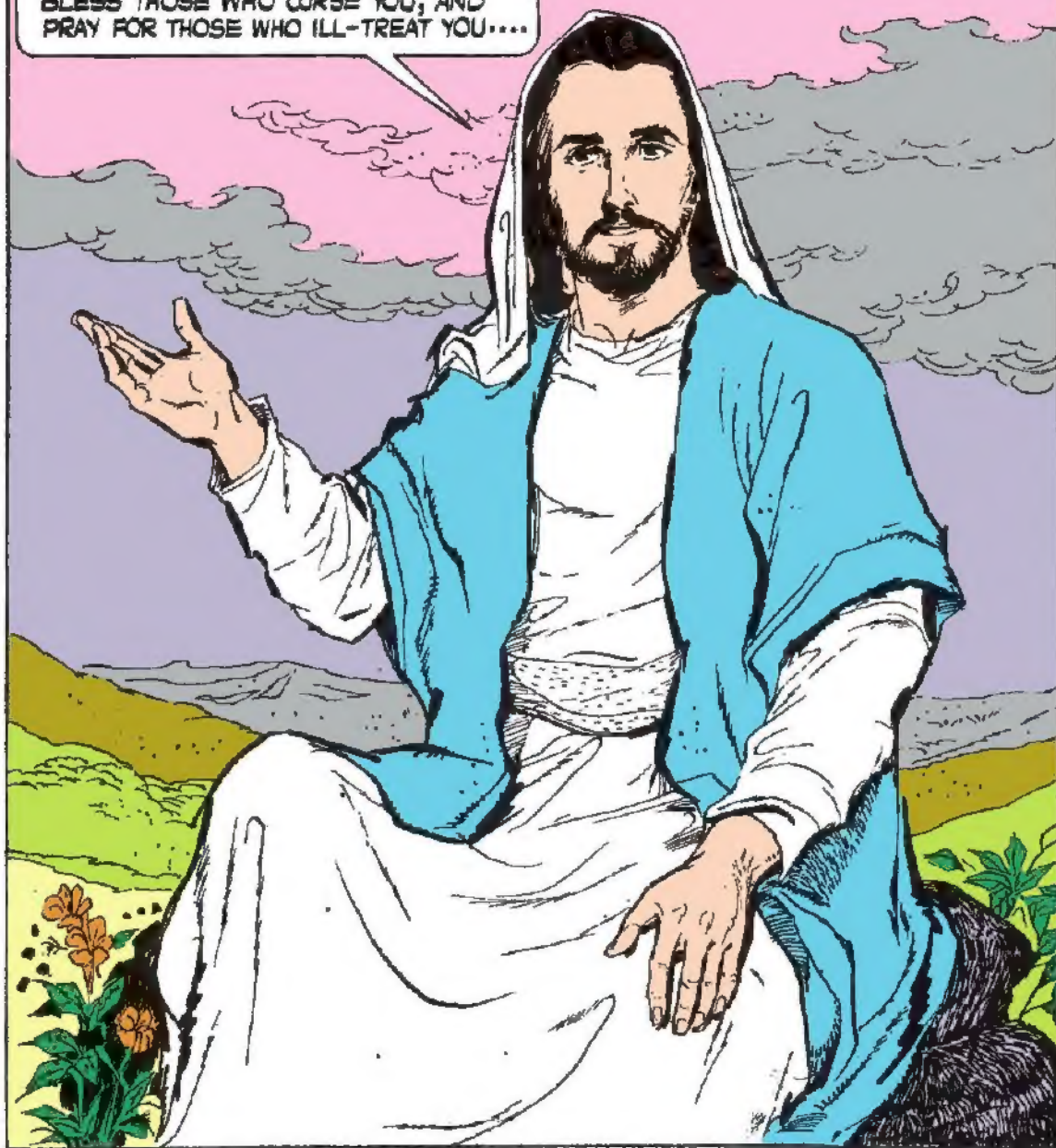
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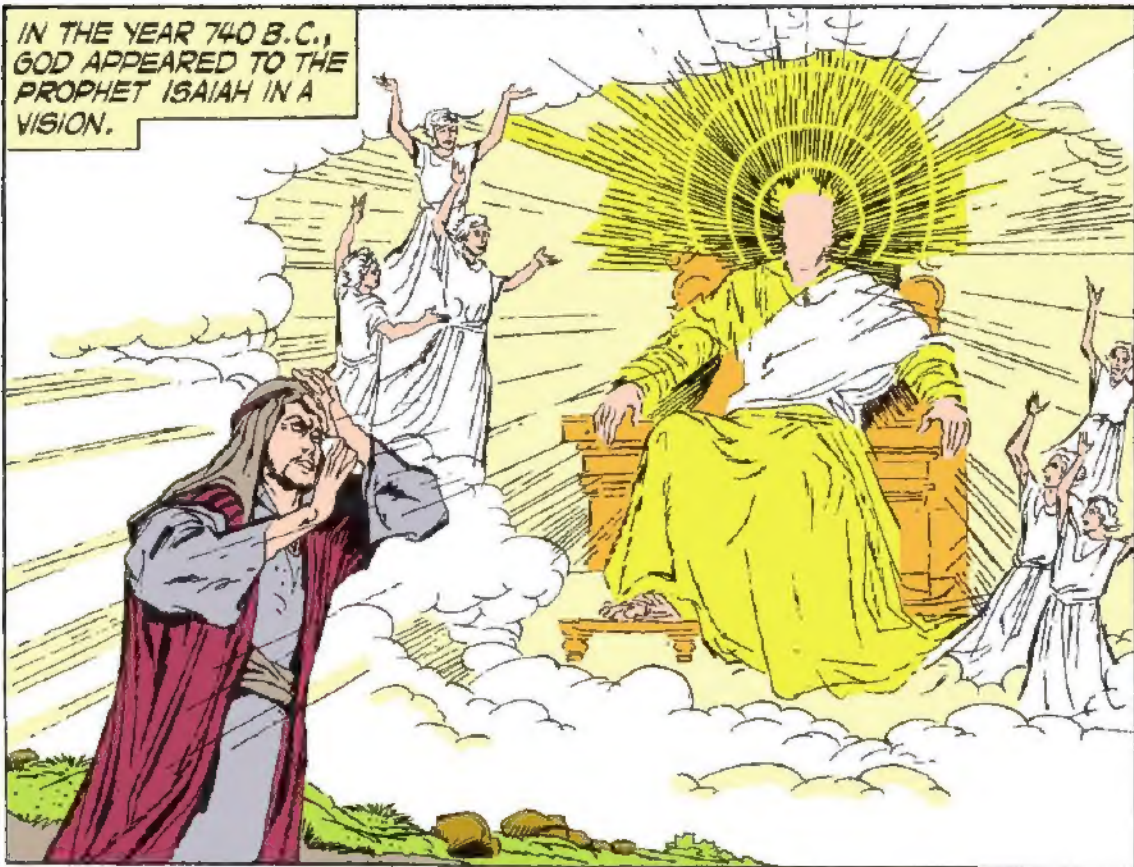
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BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE YOU, AND
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ILL-TREAT YOU....

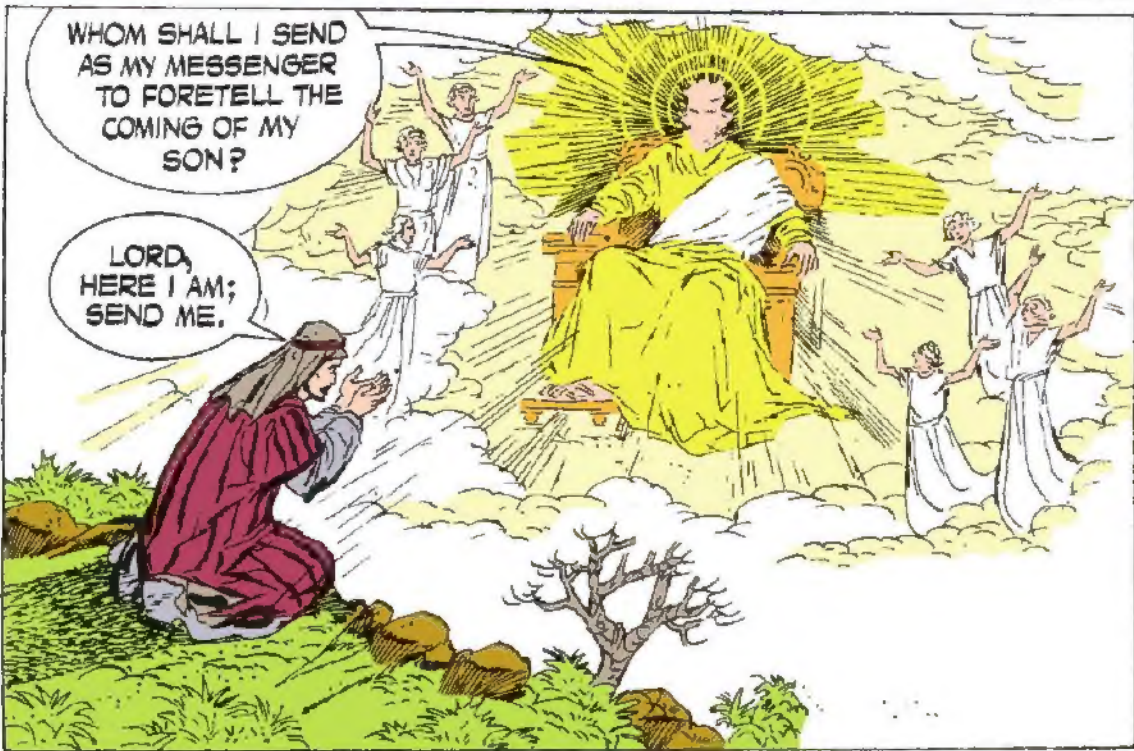


IN THE YEAR 740 B.C.,
GOD APPEARED TO THE
PROPHET ISAIAH IN A
VISION.



WHOM SHALL I SEND
AS MY MESSENGER
TO FORETELL THE
COMING OF MY
SON?

LORD,
HERE I AM;
SEND ME.



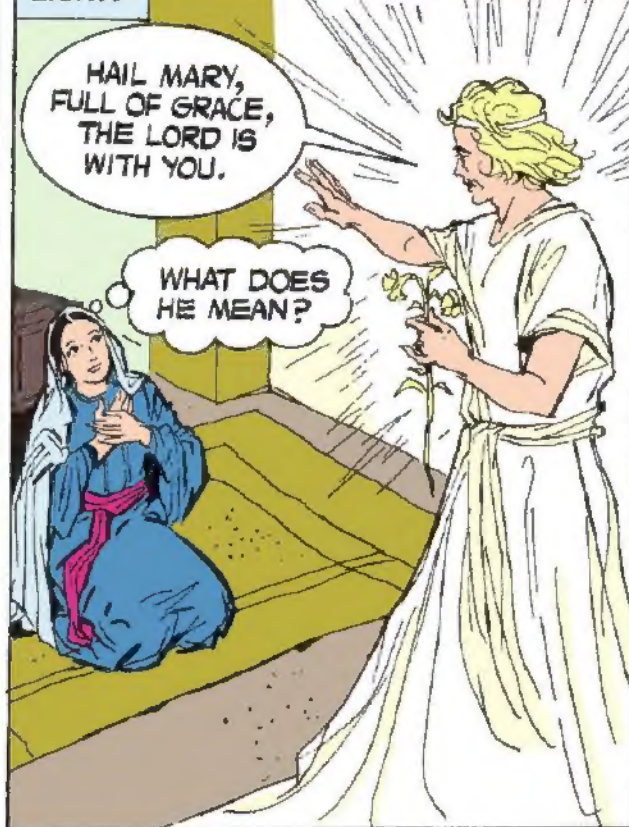
ISAIAH PREACHED GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE.

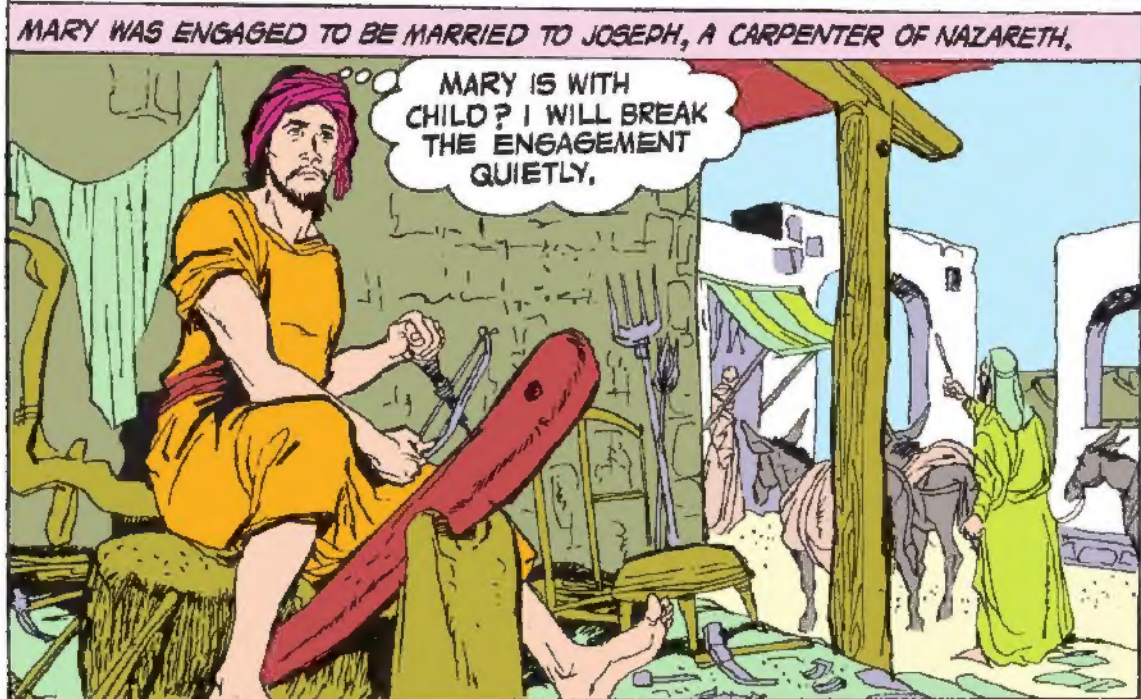


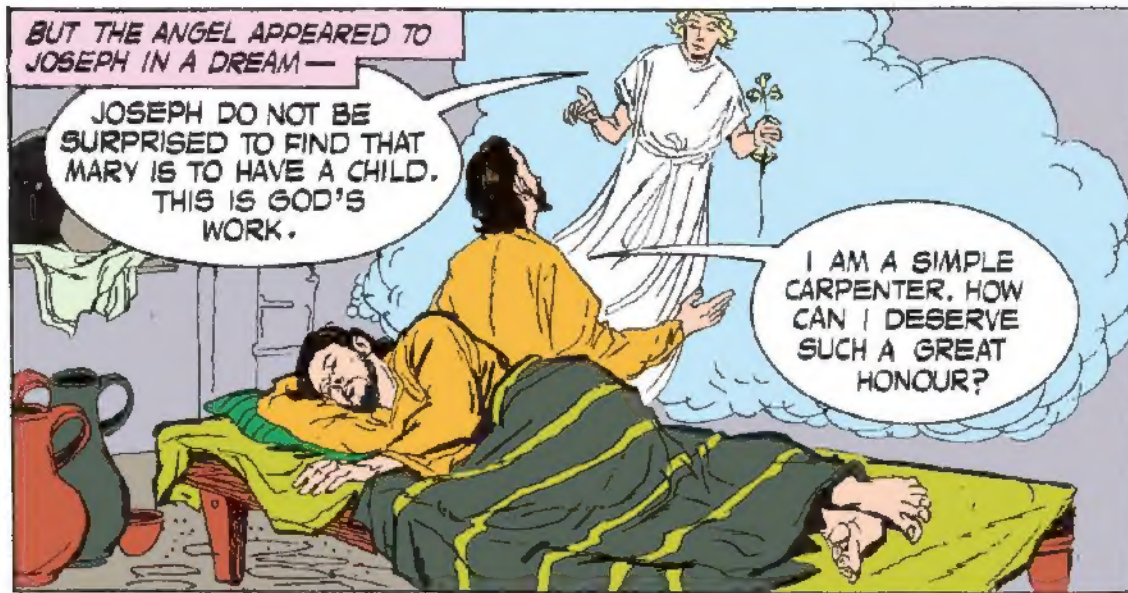
FOR MANY YEARS, THE PEOPLE
WAITED AND PRAYED FOR THEIR
SAVIOUR. IN NAZARETH, A TOWN IN
PALESTINE, A YOUNG MAIDEN WAS
ALSO PRAYING. HER NAME WAS
MARY.



SUDDENLY THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH
LIGHT.







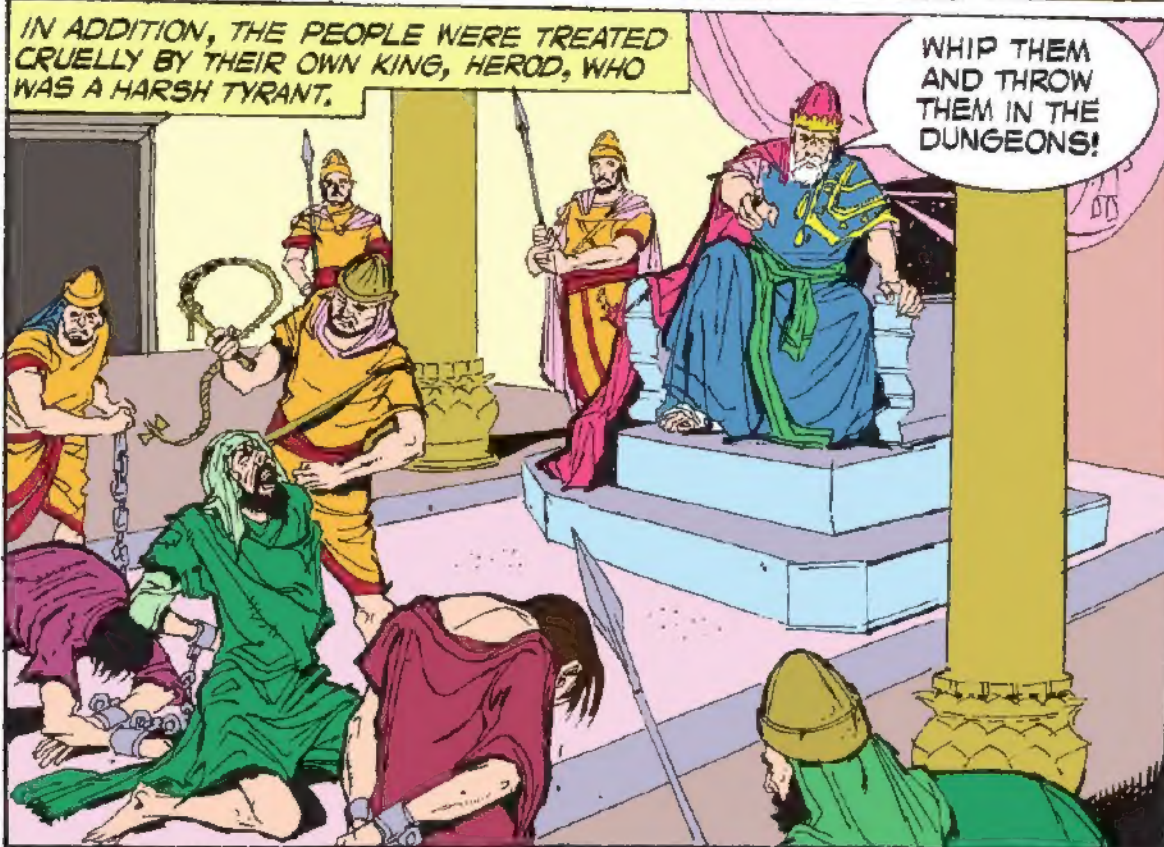
THEN JOSEPH TOOK MARY TO HIS HOUSE.

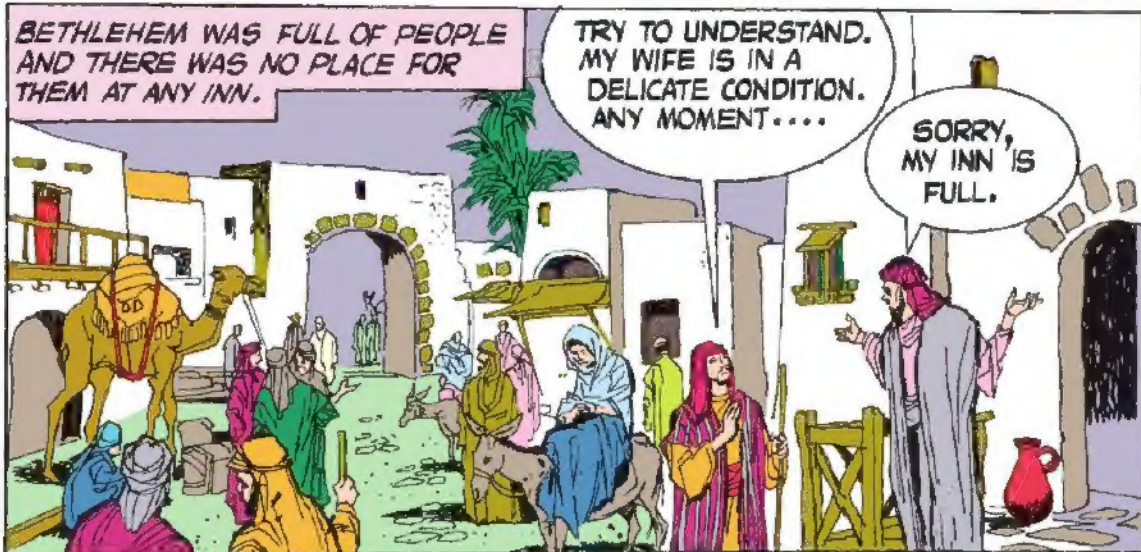
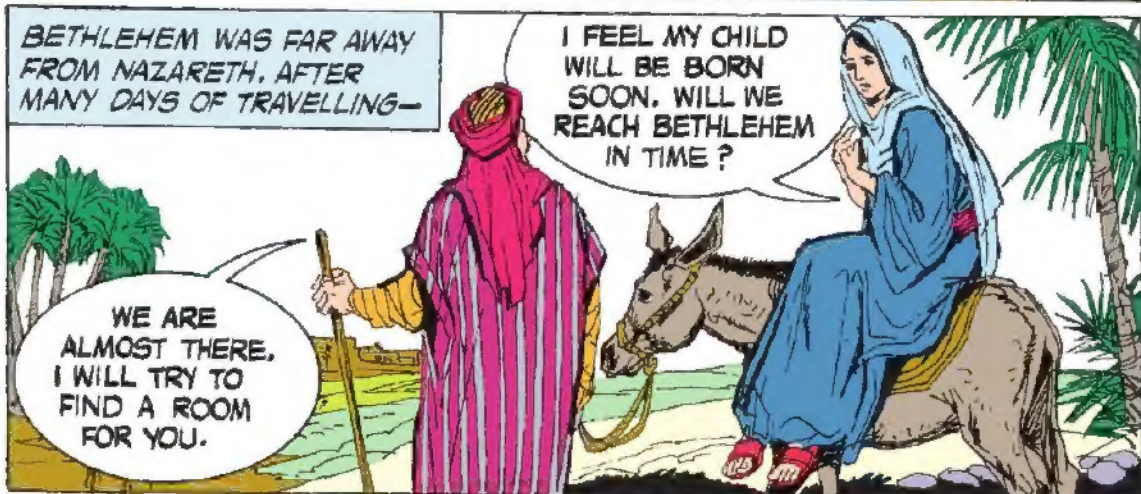


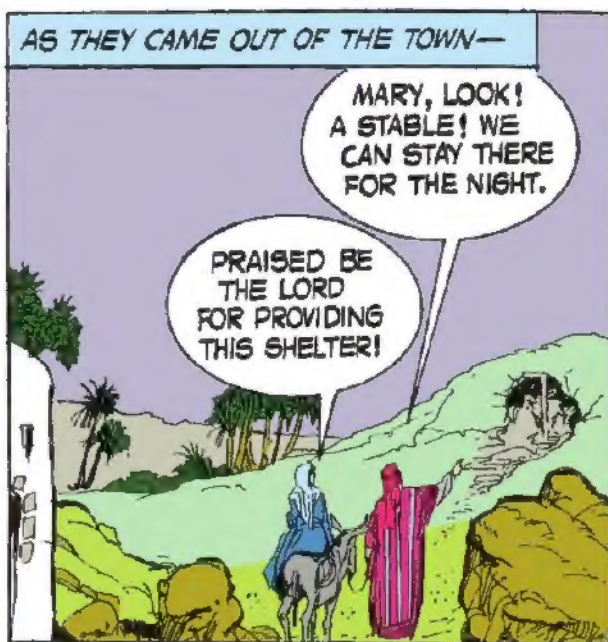
AT THIS TIME, PALESTINE WAS OCCUPIED BY THE ROMANS. THEY IMPOSED THEIR LAWS, DEMANDED TAXES AND FORCED PEOPLE TO WORK FOR THEM.



IN ADDITION, THE PEOPLE WERE TREATED CRUELLY BY THEIR OWN KING, HEROD, WHO WAS A HARSH TYRANT.



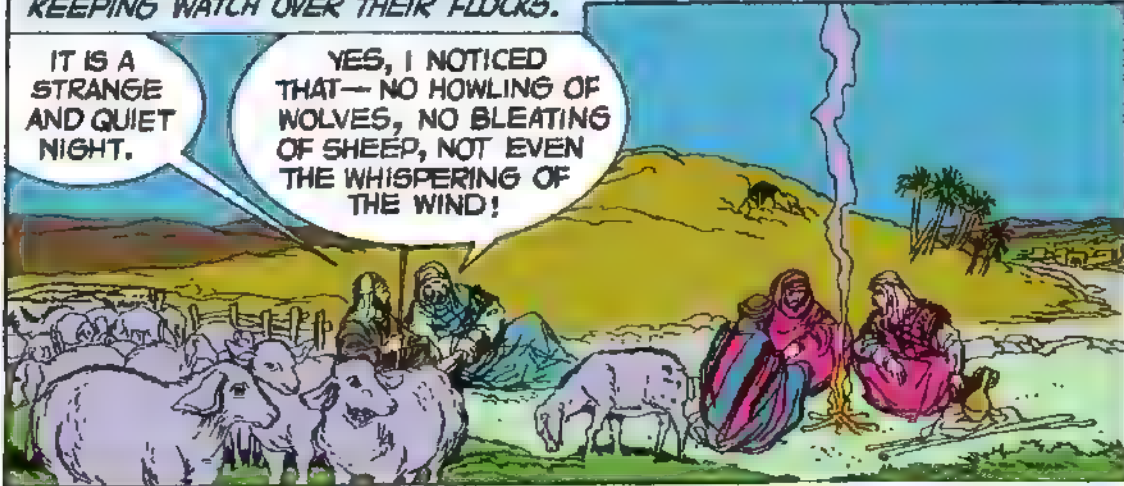




THERE WERE, IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, SOME SHEPHERDS WHO WERE KEEPING WATCH OVER THEIR FLOCKS.

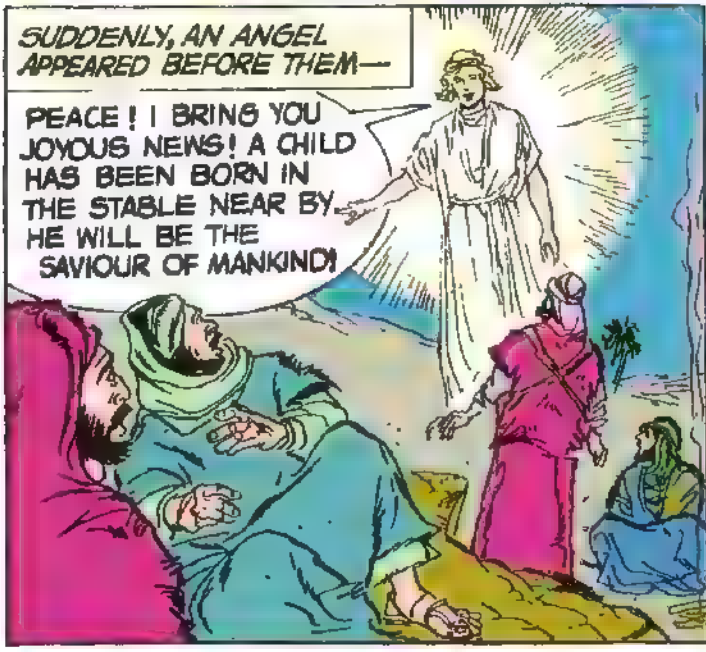
IT IS A STRANGE AND QUIET NIGHT.

YES, I NOTICED THAT— NO HOWLING OF WOLVES, NO BLEATING OF SHEEP, NOT EVEN THE WHISPERING OF THE WIND!



SUDDENLY, AN ANGEL APPEARED BEFORE THEM—

PEACE! I BRING YOU JOYOUS NEWS! A CHILD HAS BEEN BORN IN THE STABLE NEAR BY. HE WILL BE THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND!



SOON THE SKY WAS FILLED WITH ANGELS SINGING IN PRAISE OF GOD.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, TO ALL MEN!



WHEN THE ANGELS HAD GONE, THE SHEPHERDS WENT TO THE STABLE.



THIS CHILD IS
DESTINED FOR
GREAT THINGS!

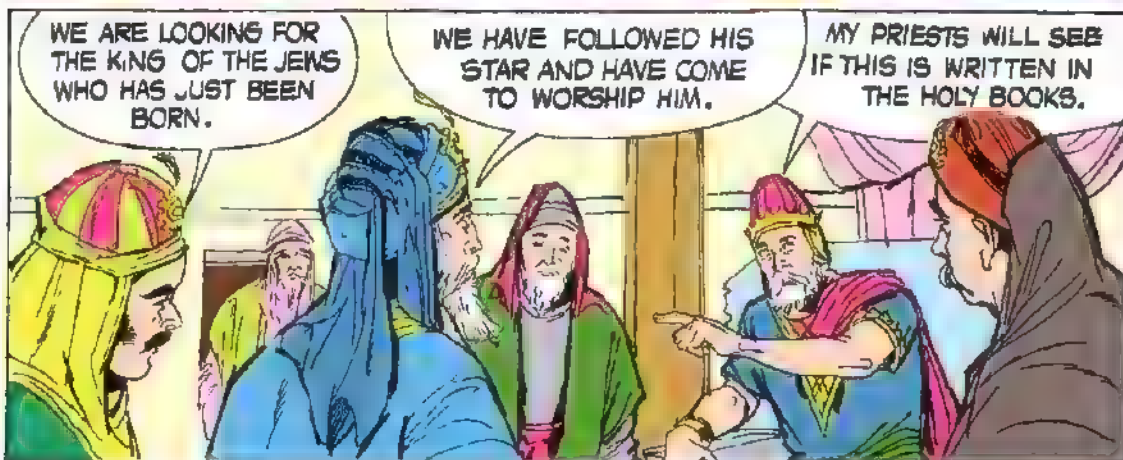
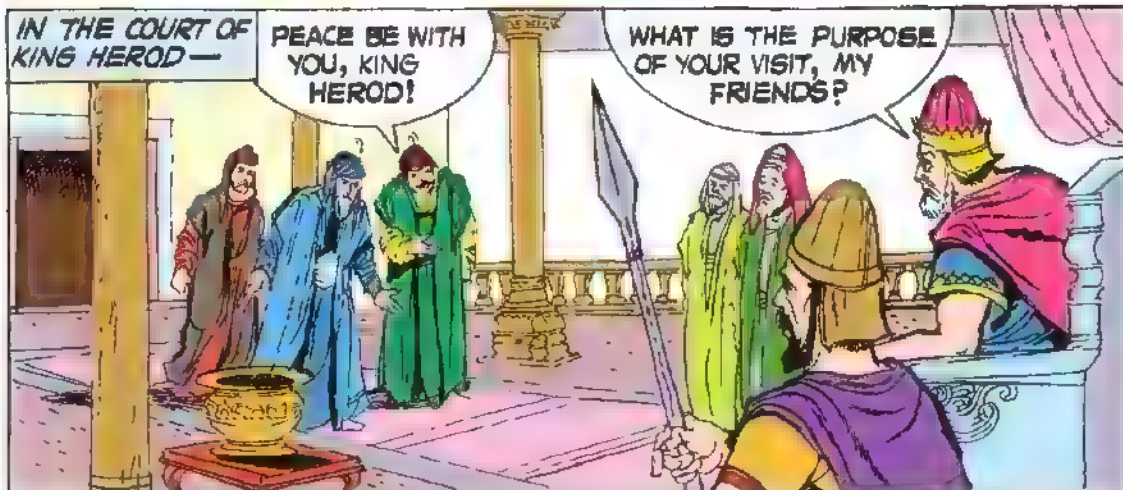
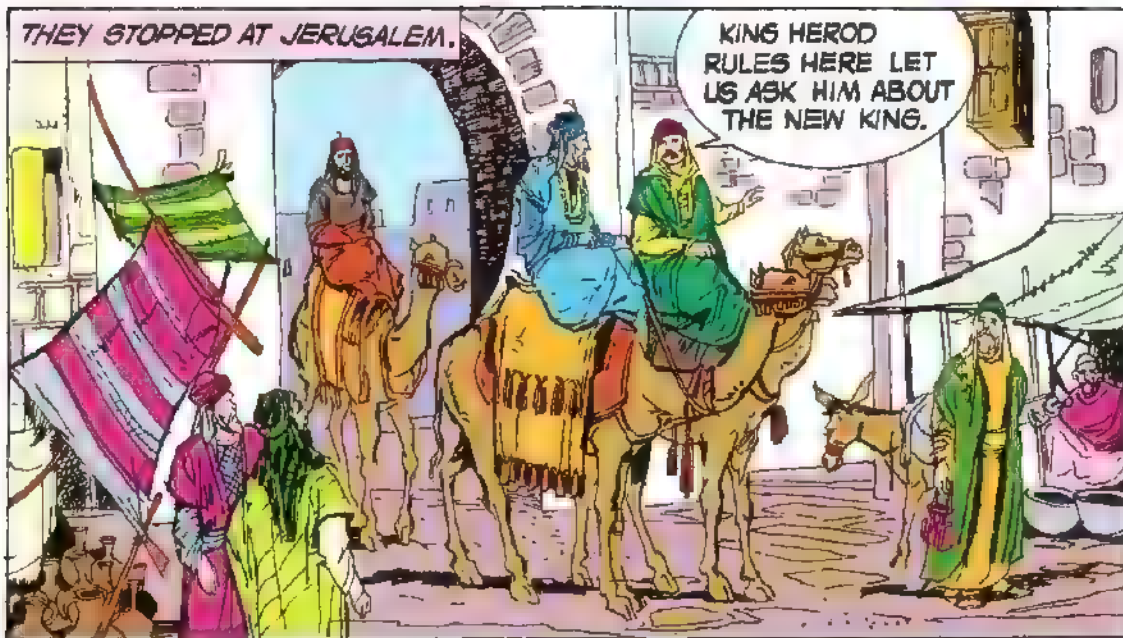
HOW HAPPY
WE ARE TO
BEHOLD HIM
WITH OUR
OWN EYES!



THEN THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED AND
TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT THE CHILD THEY
HAD SEEN AND WHAT THE ANGEL HAD
SAID CONCERNING HIM.

ON THE SAME NIGHT, THREE WISE
MEN FROM THE EAST CAME
TOWARDS JERUSALEM, GUIDED
BY A BRILLIANT STAR.





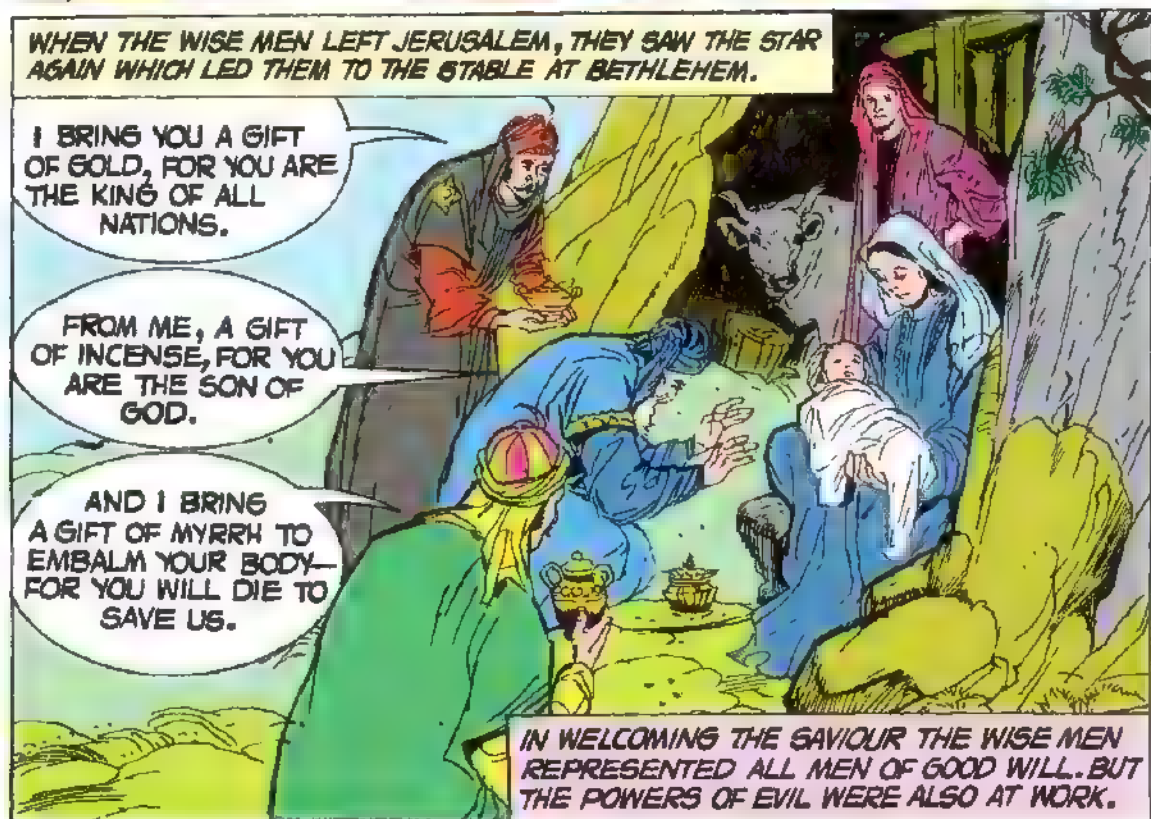


THE SACRED TEXT SAYS
THAT THE KING OF
ISRAEL SHALL BE
BORN AT BETHLEHEM.



GO TO BETHLEHEM
AND LOOK FOR HIM. THEN
COME BACK AND REPORT
TO ME, SO THAT I, TOO,
CAN WORSHIP HIM!

WHEN THE WISE MEN LEFT JERUSALEM, THEY SAW THE STAR
AGAIN WHICH LED THEM TO THE STABLE AT BETHLEHEM.



I BRING YOU A GIFT
OF GOLD, FOR YOU ARE
THE KING OF ALL
NATIONS.

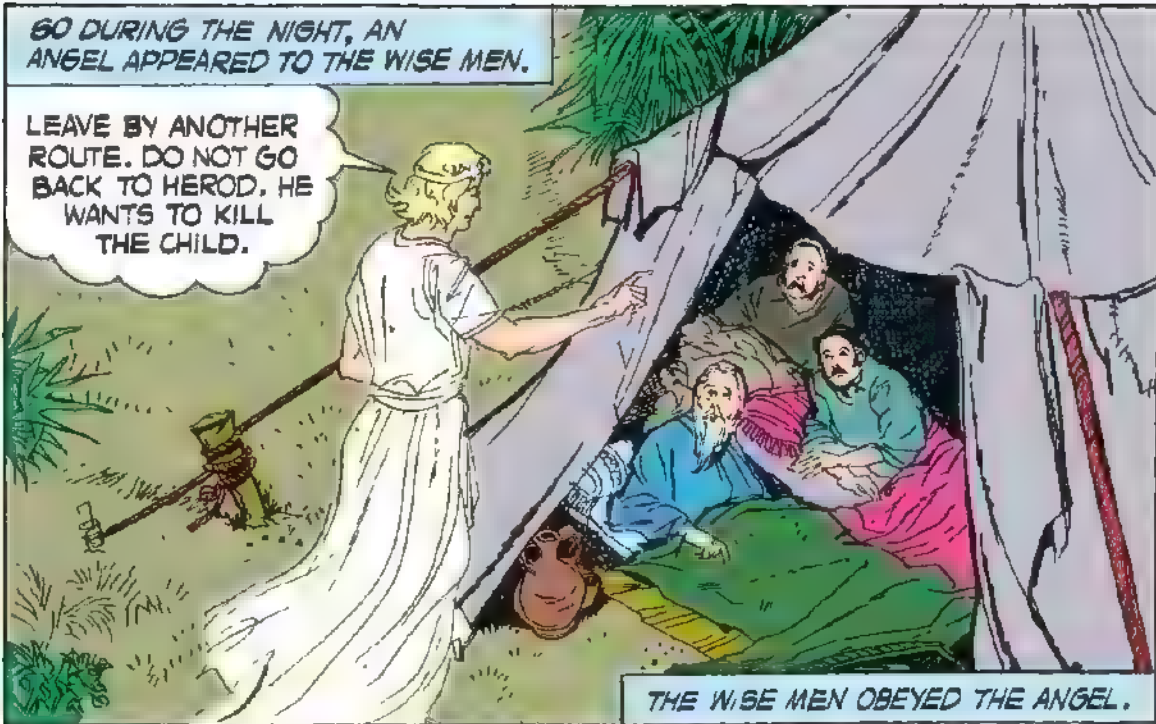
FROM ME, A GIFT
OF INCENSE, FOR YOU
ARE THE SON OF
GOD.

AND I BRING
A GIFT OF MYRRH TO
EMBALM YOUR BODY—
FOR YOU WILL DIE TO
SAVE US.

IN WELCOMING THE SAVIOUR THE WISE MEN
REPRESENTED ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL. BUT
THE POWERS OF EVIL WERE ALSO AT WORK.

GO DURING THE NIGHT, AN
ANGEL APPEARED TO THE WISE MEN.

LEAVE BY ANOTHER
ROUTE. DO NOT GO
BACK TO HEROD. HE
WANTS TO KILL
THE CHILD.



THE WISE MEN OBEYED THE ANGEL.

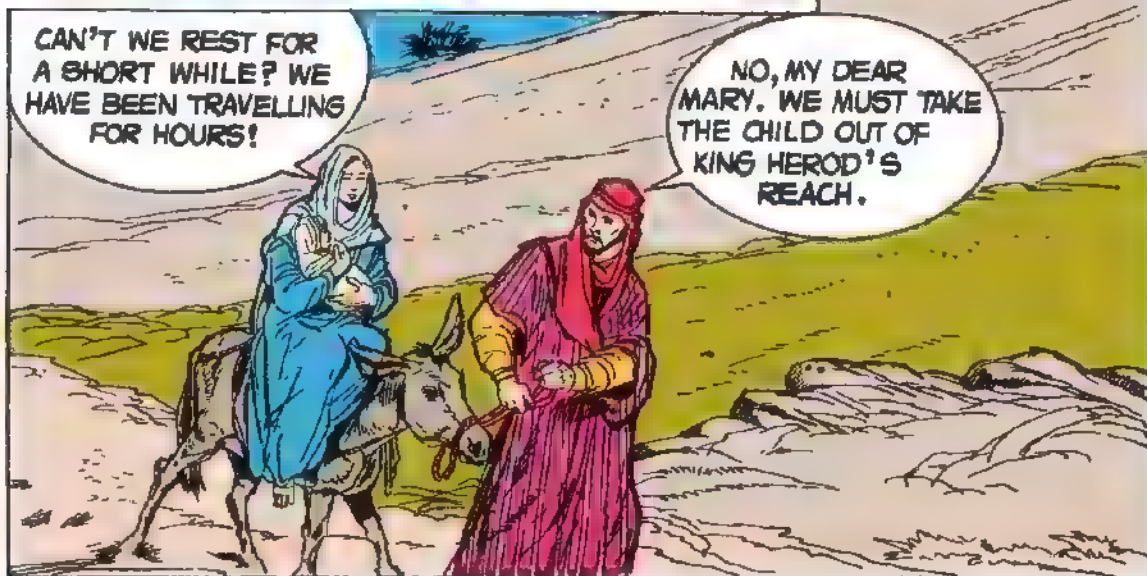
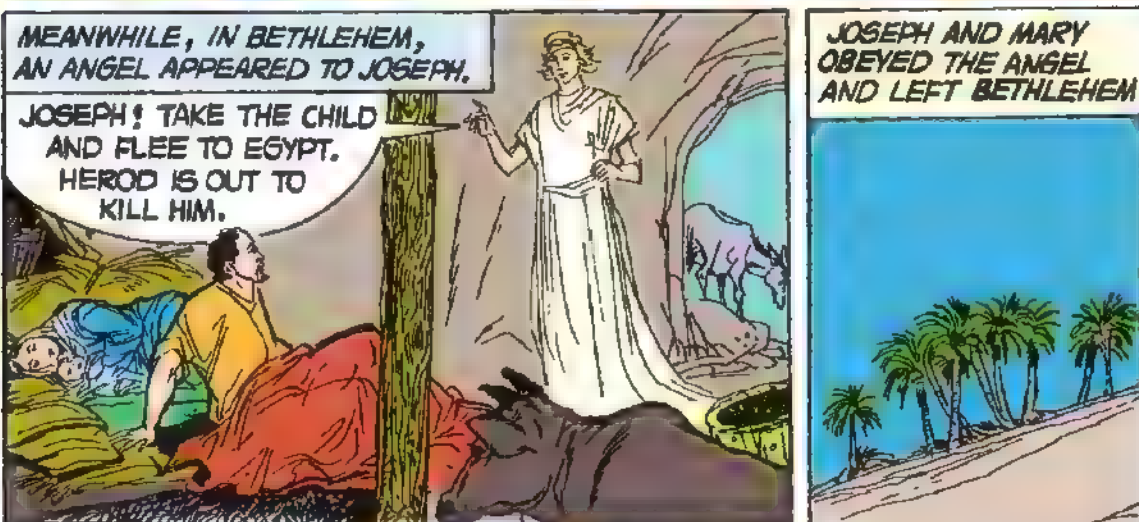
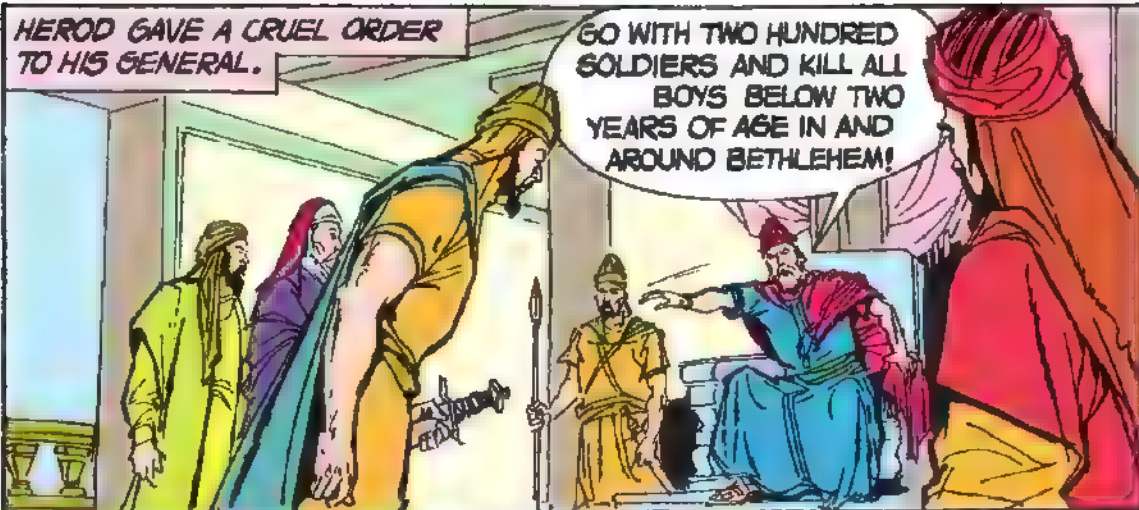
MEANWHILE, HEROD WAS GETTING
RESTLESS. JUST THEN —



YOUR MAJESTY!
THE THREE WISE
MEN HAVE LEFT
THE COUNTRY!

I MUST ACT QUICKLY!
BUT I DO NOT KNOW
WHERE THE CHILD IS.
HE MAY ESCAPE!





SOON HEROD'S SOLDIERS REACHED BETHLEHEM.

KILL ALL OF THEM! NOT A SINGLE ONE WILL ESCAPE!

A SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT AND HELPLESS CHILDREN! DARK DAYS ARE UPON US!



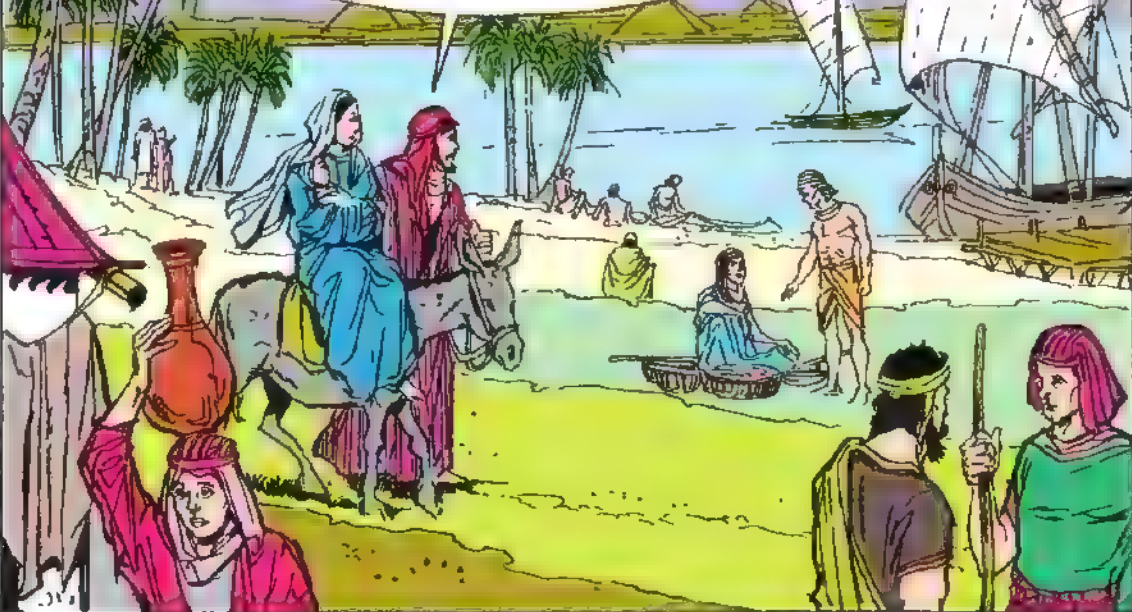
SPARE MY CHILD!

HAVE MERCY! HE IS MY FIRST BORN!



BUT THE CHILD THEY WANTED TO DESTROY WAS SAFE IN EGYPT IN THE LOVING CARE OF JOSEPH AND MARY.

MARY, WE WILL STAY HERE IN EGYPT UNTIL THE LORD TELLS US TO RETURN.



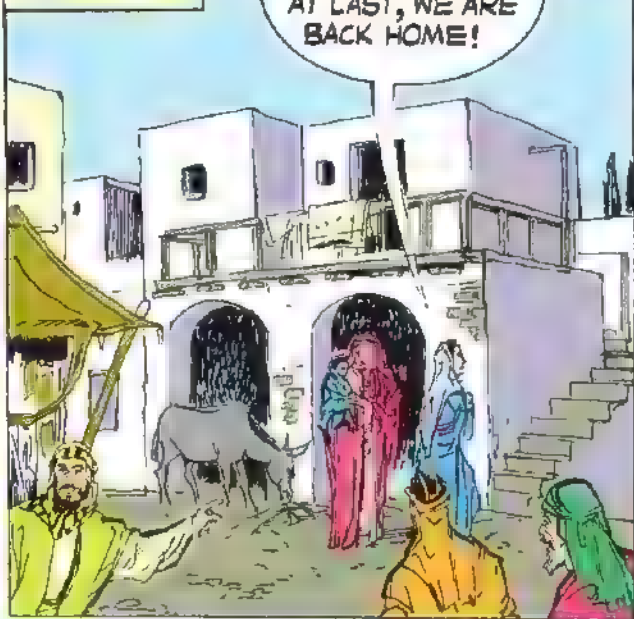
SOME TIME LATER, WHEN HEROD WAS DEAD, THE ANGEL APPEARED AGAIN TO JOSEPH.

KING HEROD IS DEAD. IT IS NOW SAFE TO RETURN.



SO MARY AND JOSEPH RETURNED TO NAZARETH.

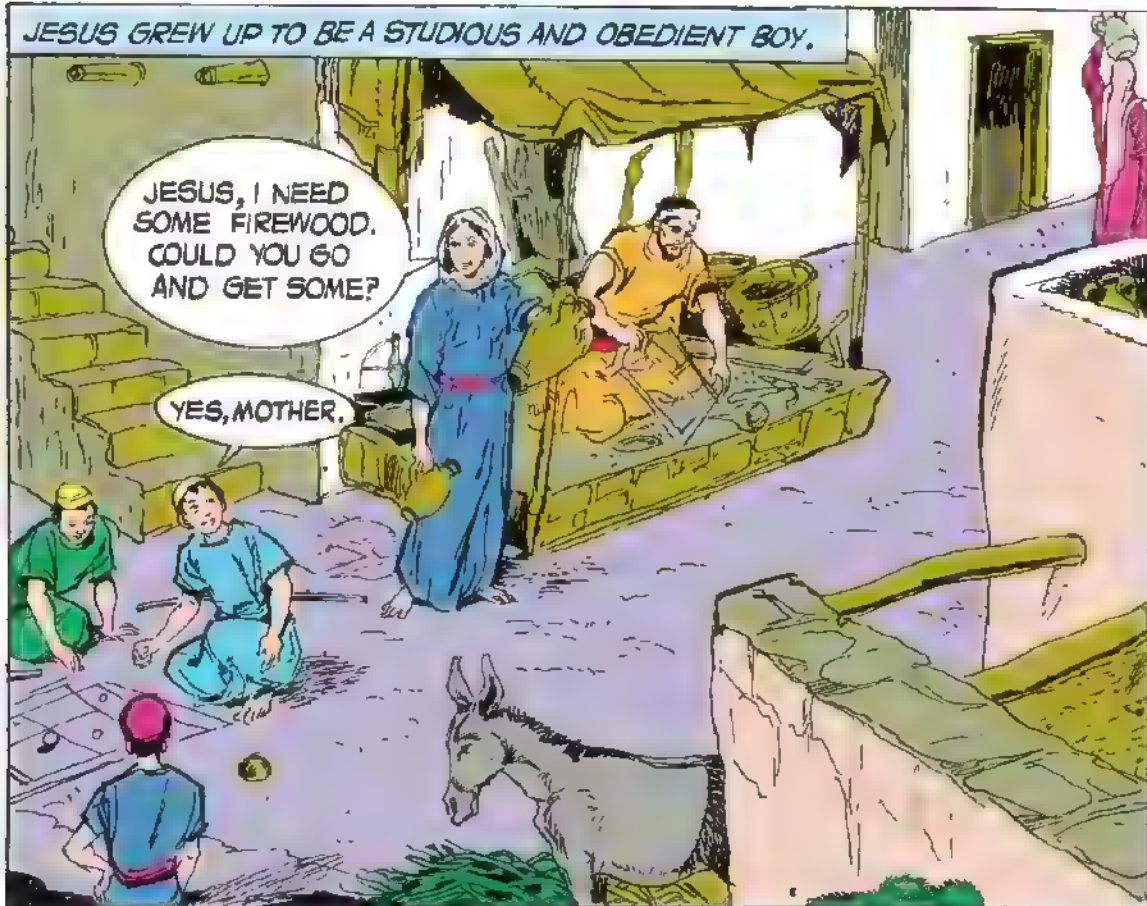
AT LAST, WE ARE BACK HOME!



JESUS GREW UP TO BE A STUDIOUS AND OBEDIENT BOY.

JESUS, I NEED SOME FIREWOOD. COULD YOU GO AND GET SOME?

YES, MOTHER.



JESUS LEARNT HOW TO READ AND WRITE.
HE STARTED READING THE HOLY BIBLE.



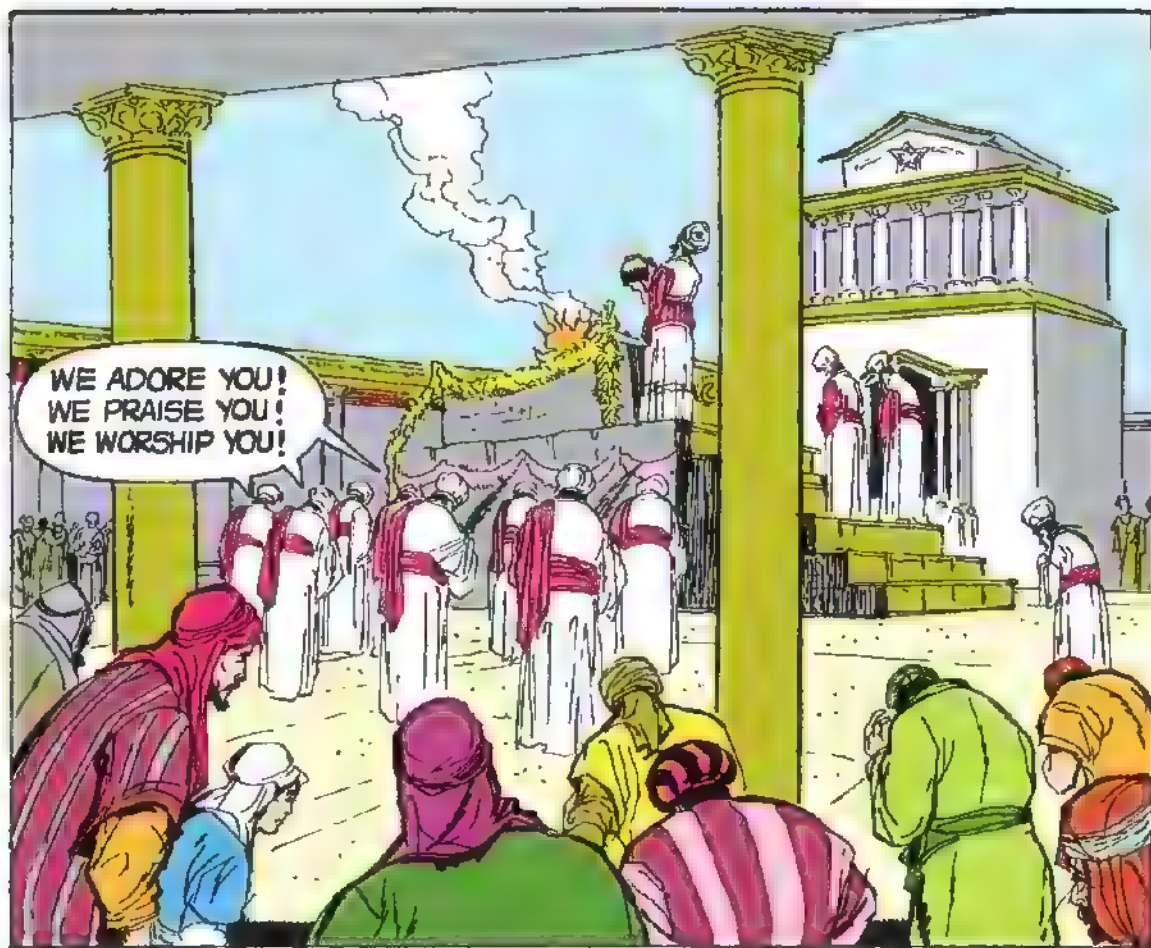
EVERY DAY HE READ THE SACRED
TEXT AND MEDITATED ON IT.



WHEN JESUS WAS TWELVE YEARS OLD, HE WAS TAKEN BY HIS PARENTS TO
JERUSALEM TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL FEAST IN THE TEMPLE.*



* AT THE AGE OF TWELVE A JEWISH BOY WAS CONSIDERED AN ADULT



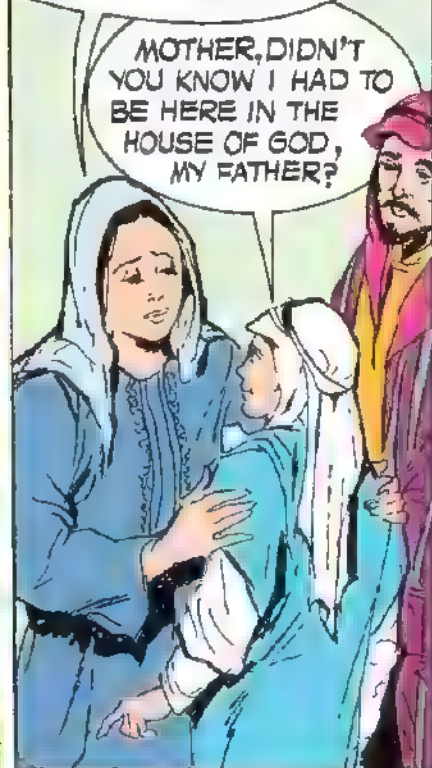
ON THE WAY BACK HOME AFTER THE FEAST—



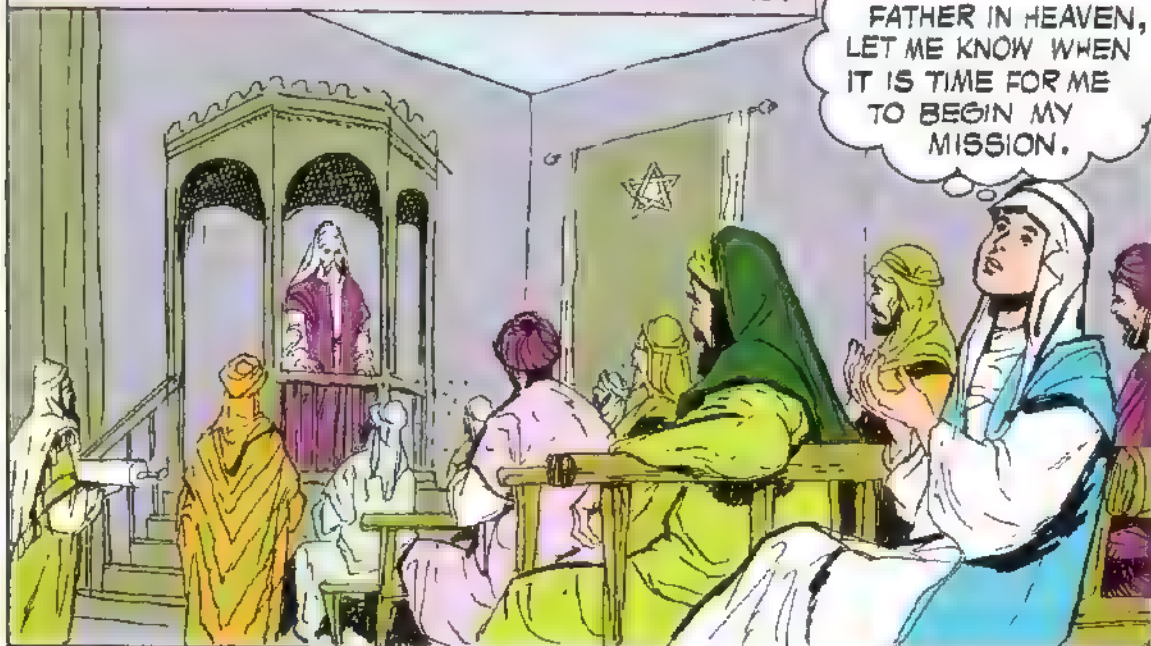
JOSEPH AND MARY RETURNED TO THE TEMPLE AND FOUND HIM DEEP IN DISCUSSION IN THE TEMPLE.



MY SON, HOW COULD YOU DO THIS TO US? WE THOUGHT YOU WERE LOST!



AS A TEENAGER JESUS WENT REGULARLY TO THE SYNAGOGUE* TO PRAY AND TO LISTEN TO THE READING OF THE HOLY BOOKS.



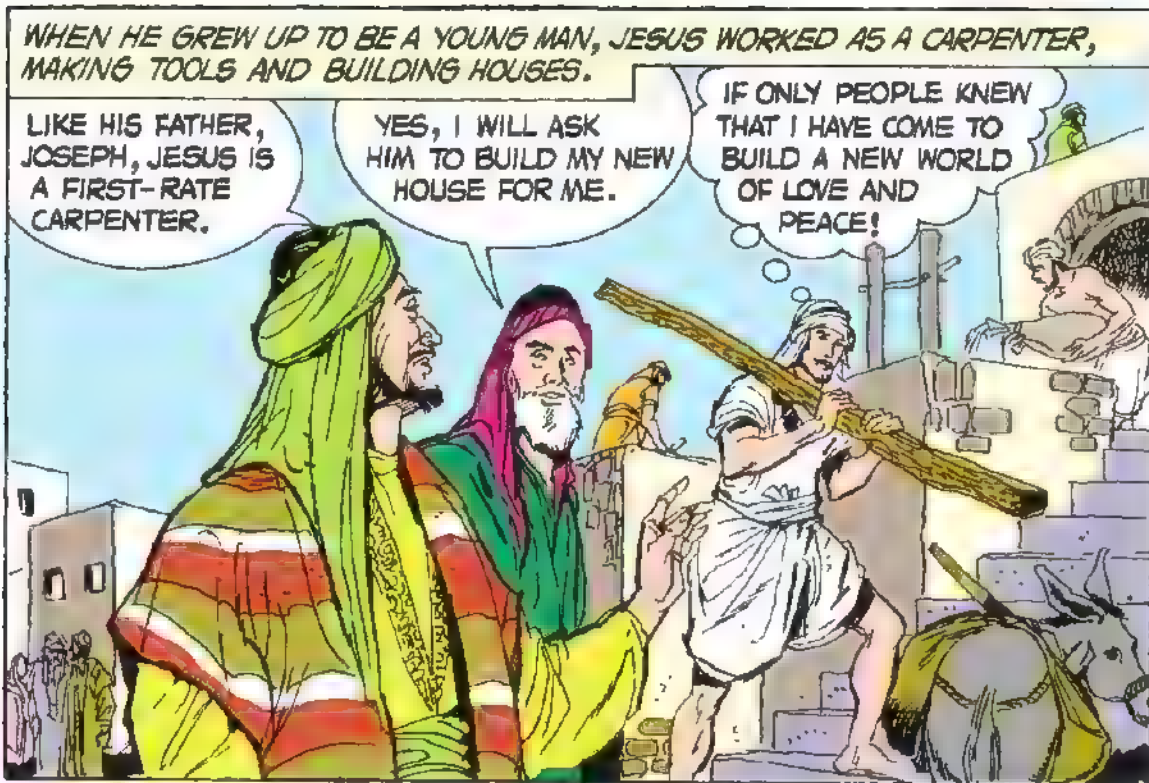
*JEWISH PRAYER HOUSE

WHEN HE GREW UP TO BE A YOUNG MAN, JESUS WORKED AS A CARPENTER, MAKING TOOLS AND BUILDING HOUSES.

LIKE HIS FATHER, JOSEPH, JESUS IS A FIRST-RATE CARPENTER.

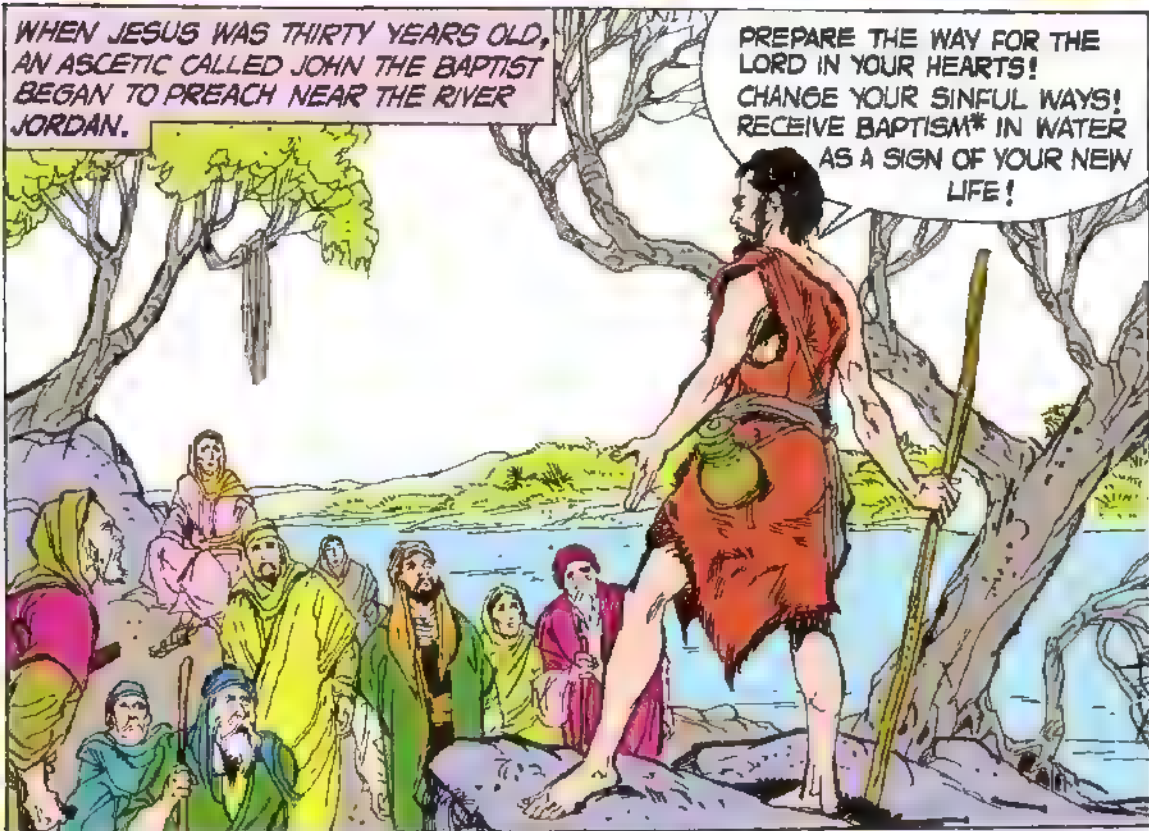
YES, I WILL ASK HIM TO BUILD MY NEW HOUSE FOR ME.

IF ONLY PEOPLE KNEW THAT I HAVE COME TO BUILD A NEW WORLD OF LOVE AND PEACE!



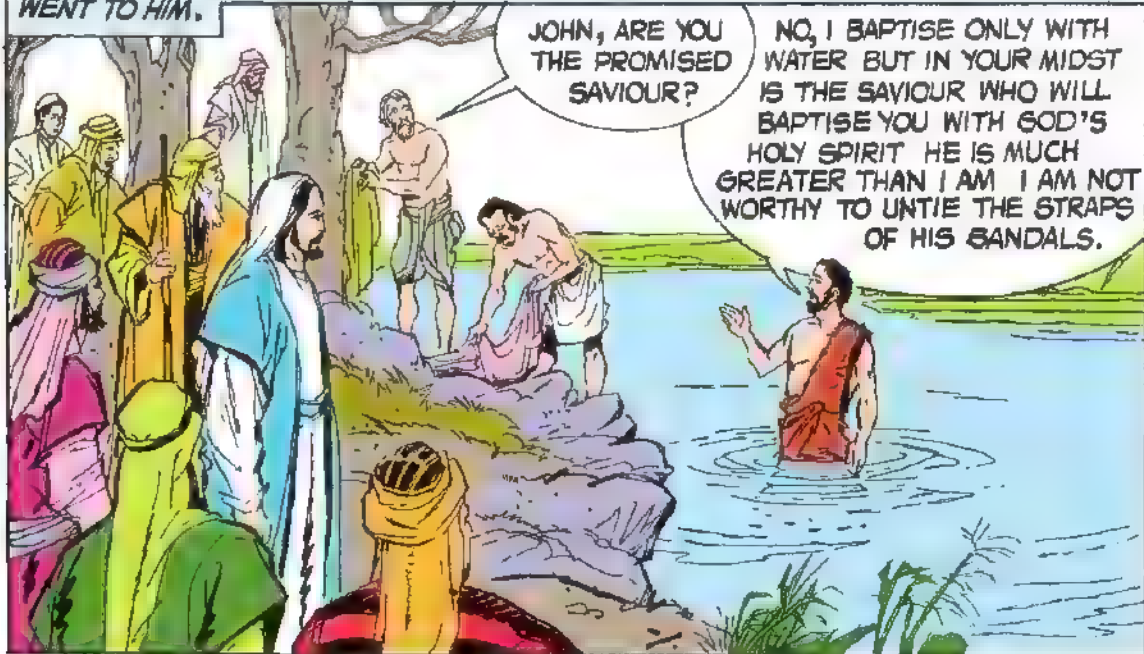
WHEN JESUS WAS THIRTY YEARS OLD, AN ASCETIC CALLED JOHN THE BAPTIST BEGAN TO PREACH NEAR THE RIVER JORDAN.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD IN YOUR HEARTS!
CHANGE YOUR SINFUL WAYS!
RECEIVE BAPTISM* IN WATER
AS A SIGN OF YOUR NEW LIFE!



* A RITE IN WHICH A PERSON IS IMMERSSED IN WATER TO SYMBOLIZE A CHANGE FROM HIS SINFUL LIFE

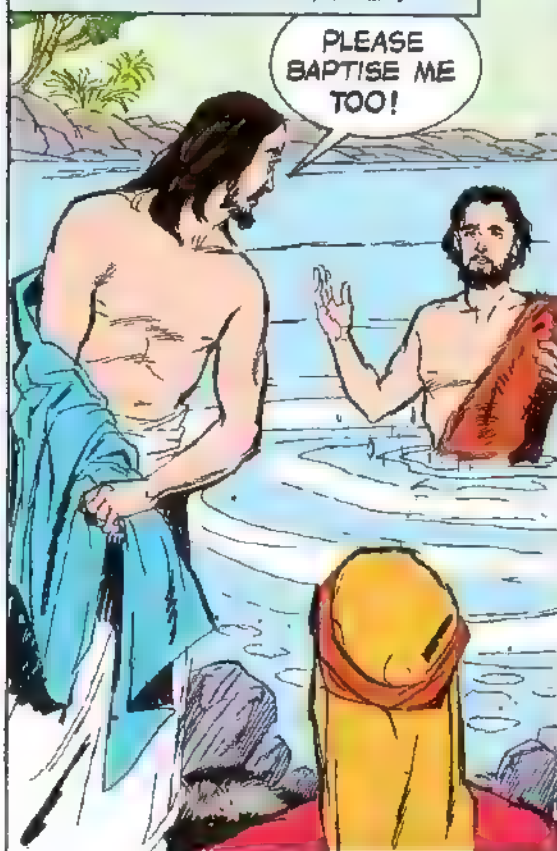
LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE WENT TO JOHN TO BE BAPTISED. ONE DAY, JESUS WENT TO HIM.



JOHN, ARE YOU THE PROMISED SAVIOUR?

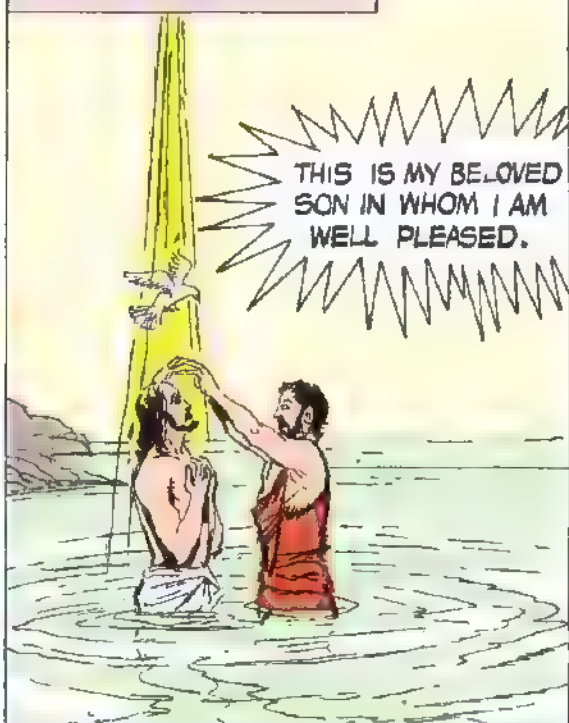
NO, I BAPTISE ONLY WITH WATER BUT IN YOUR MIDST IS THE SAVIOUR WHO WILL BAPTISE YOU WITH GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. HE IS MUCH GREATER THAN I AM. I AM NOT WORTHY TO UNTIE THE STRAPS OF HIS SANDALS.

JESUS STEPPED FORWARD.



PLEASE BAPTISE ME TOO!

JOHN BAPTISED JESUS.



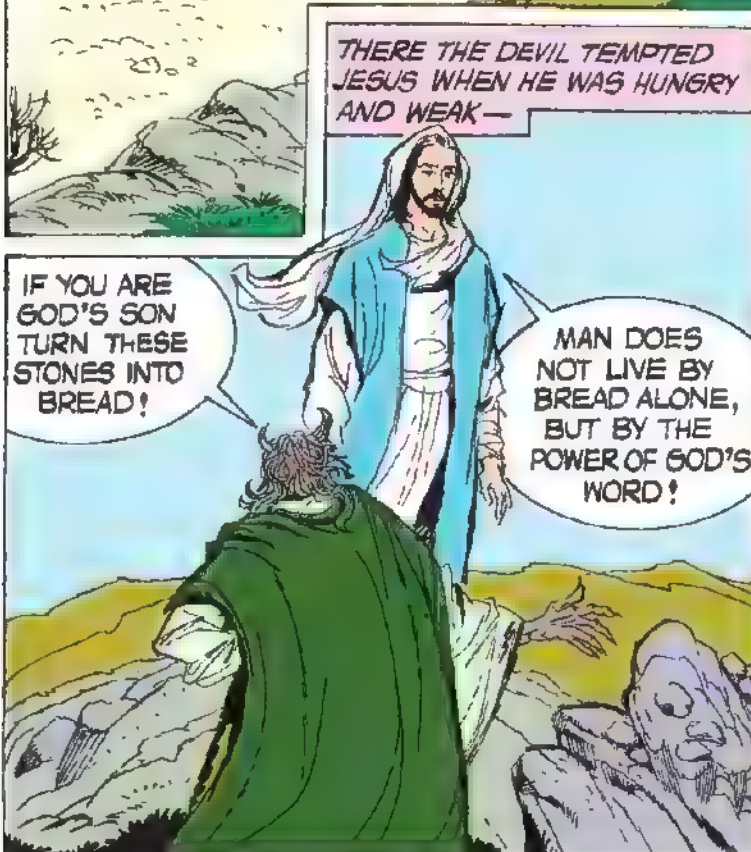
THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.

GOD THE FATHER DECLARED JESUS TO BE HIS SON, AND GOD'S SPIRIT CAME DOWN UPON HIM IN THE SHAPE OF A DOVE.

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, JESUS THEN WENT TO THE DESERT TO FAST AND PRAY.



THERE THE DEVIL TEMPTED JESUS WHEN HE WAS HUNGRY AND WEAK —



IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON TURN THESE STONES INTO BREAD!

MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD!

THEN THE DEVIL TOOK JESUS TO THE TOP OF THE TEMPLE —

IF YOU ARE GOD'S SON, SHOW YOUR POWER! JUMP DOWN FROM HERE. GOD WILL SAVE YOU!

GO AWAY! DON'T TEMPT GOD!



THE DEVIL NEXT TOOK JESUS TO A MOUNTAIN TOP —



DO YOU SEE THESE GREAT KINGDOMS? I WILL GIVE THEM ALL TO YOU, IF YOU WILL FALL AT MY FEET AND WORSHIP ME!

GO AWAY, SATAN! GOD AND GOD ALONE IS TO BE WORSHIPPED!

AFTER FORTY DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER IN THE DESERT, JESUS RETURNED TO GALILEE TO PREACH. ONE DAY, WHEN HE WAS NEAR THE LAKE OF GALILEE, THE PEOPLE GATHERED TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD.

GOOD PEOPLE, THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME.



WHEN THE CROWD DISPERSED, JESUS NOTICED TWO BOATS STANDING BY THE LAKE. HE ENTERED THE ONE WHICH BELONGED TO A FISHERMAN NAMED SIMON.



WHERE ARE YOUR COMPANIONS?

THEY ARE OUT THERE, WASHING THEIR NETS.



THEY DID THIS AND WHEN THE NETS WERE DRAWN UP AGAIN, THERE WAS SO MUCH FISH THAT BOTH BOATS WERE COMPLETELY FILLED.





JESUS CALLED SIMON AND OTHERS TO BE HIS FIRST DISCIPLES.



AMONG THEM WAS MATTHEW, WHO COLLECTED TAXES FOR THE ROMANS. THE JEWS HATED TAX COLLECTORS.

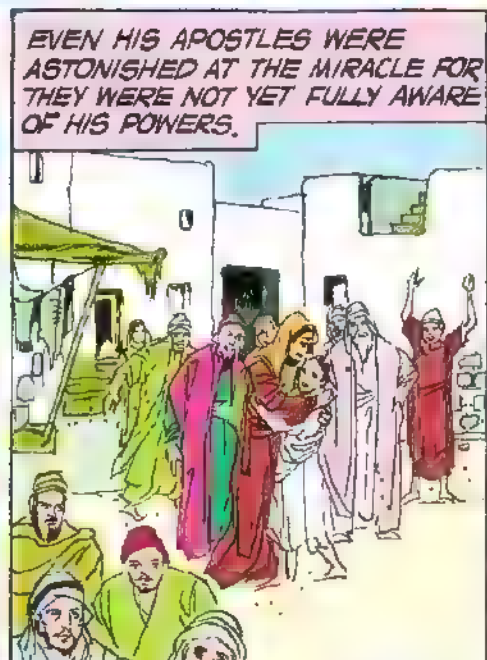


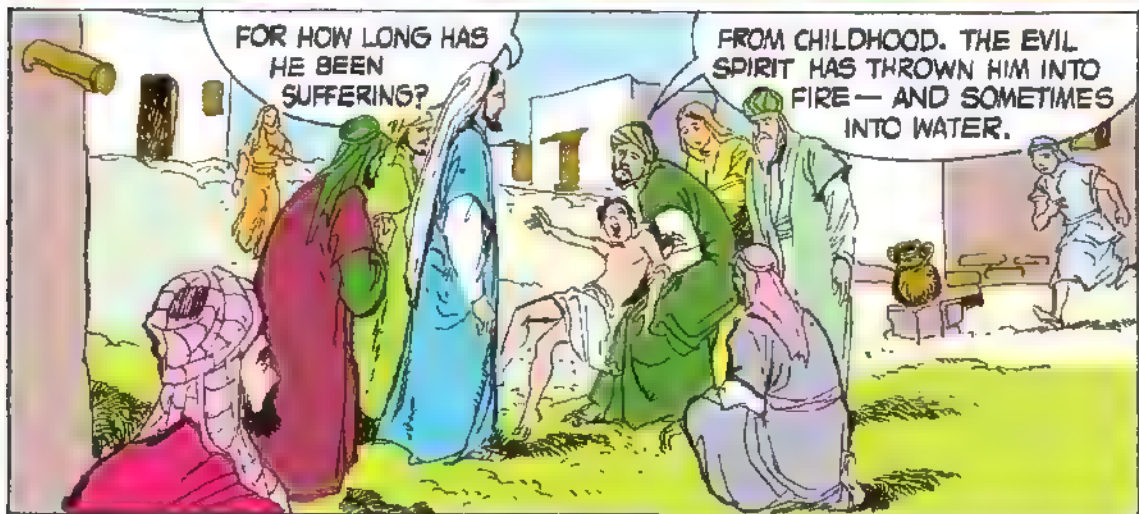
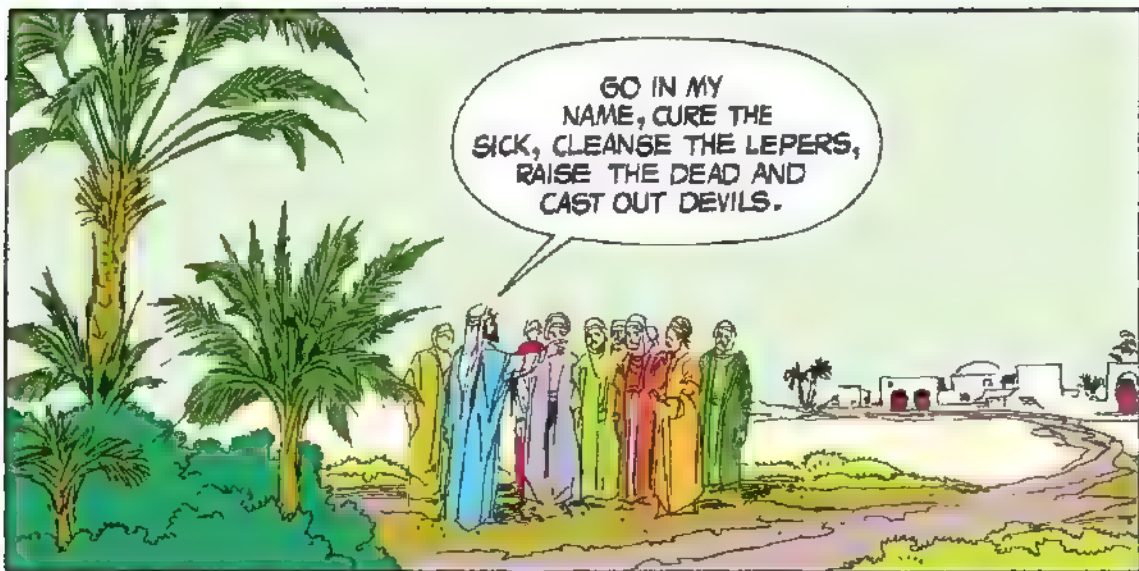
JESUS CHOSE TWELVE FROM AMONG HIS DISCIPLES.

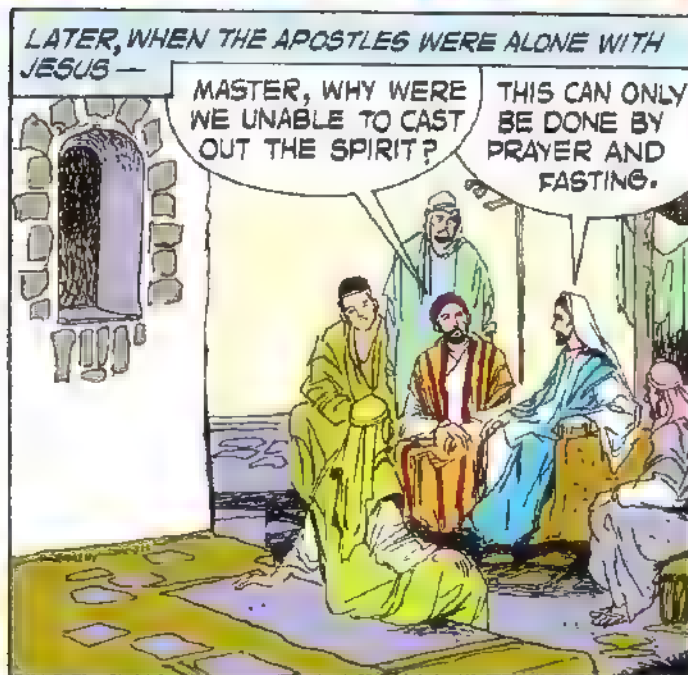
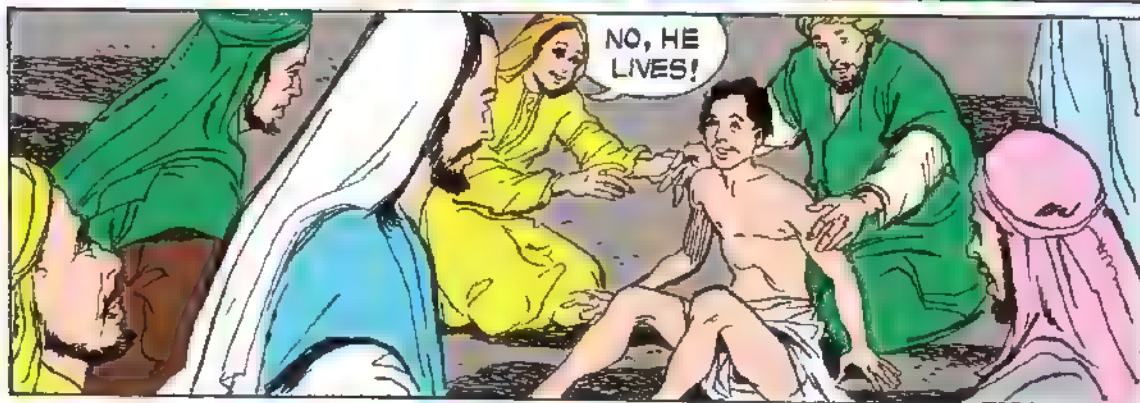


ONE DAY, JESUS CAME TO A TOWN CALLED NAIN —

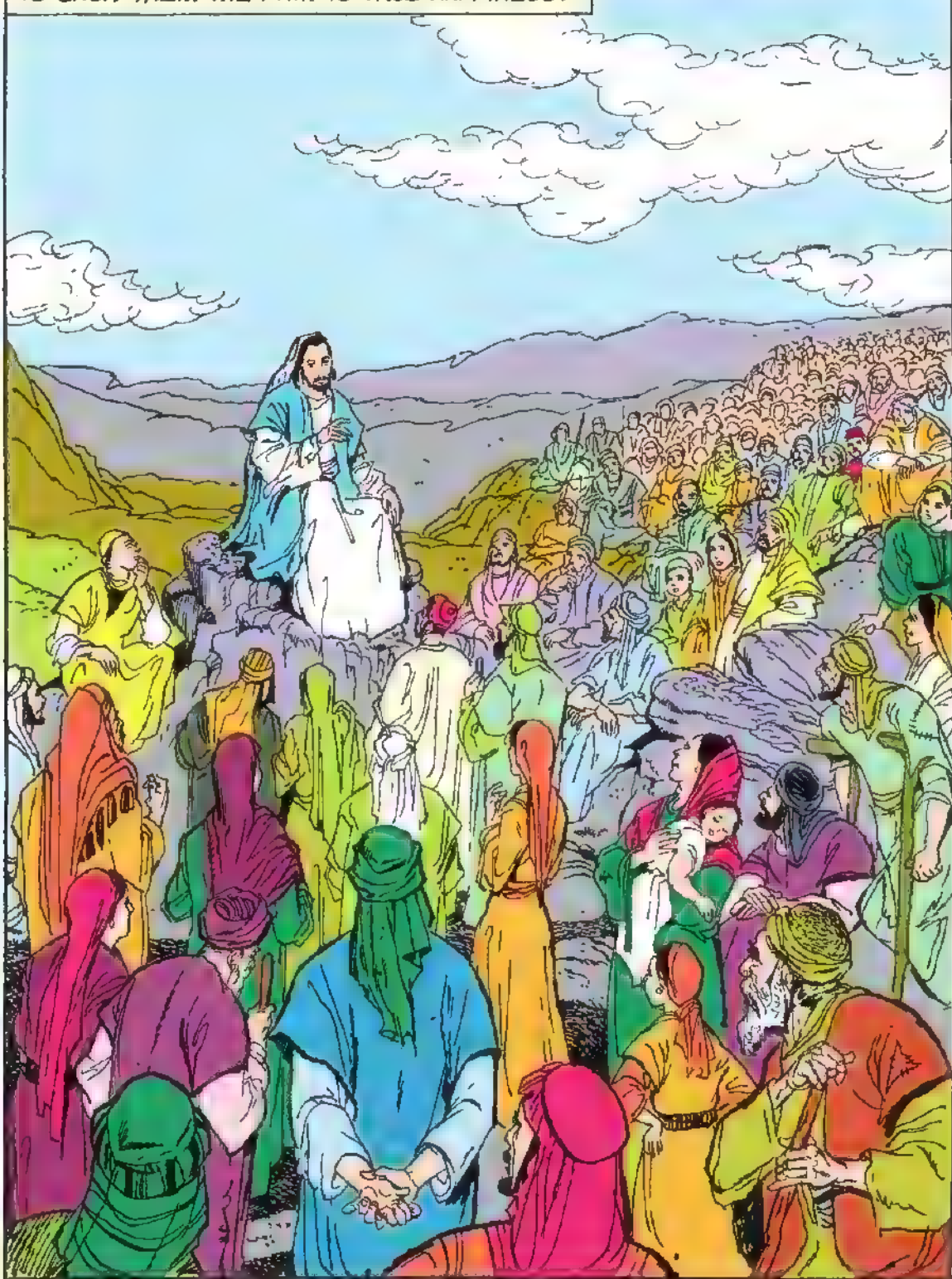




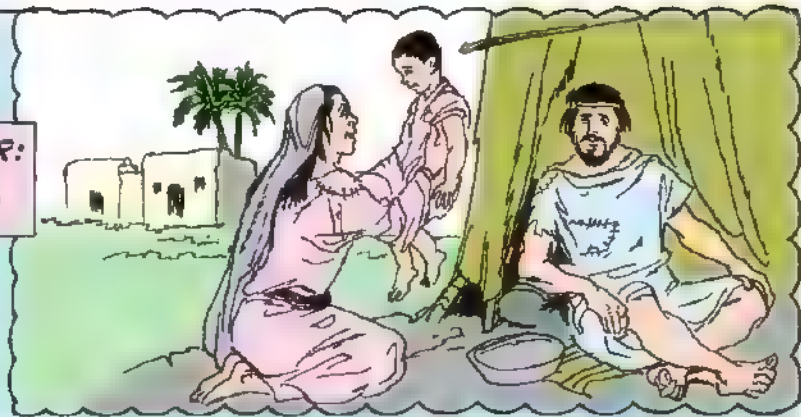




AS MORE AND MORE POOR AND SUFFERING PEOPLE CAME TO JESUS, HE BEGAN TO SHOW THEM THE PATH TO TRUE HAPPINESS.



"HAPPY ARE THE POOR:
FOR GOD'S KINGDOM
BELONGS TO THEM."



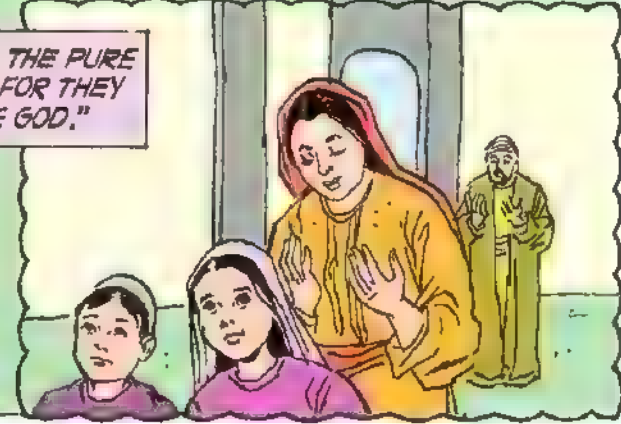
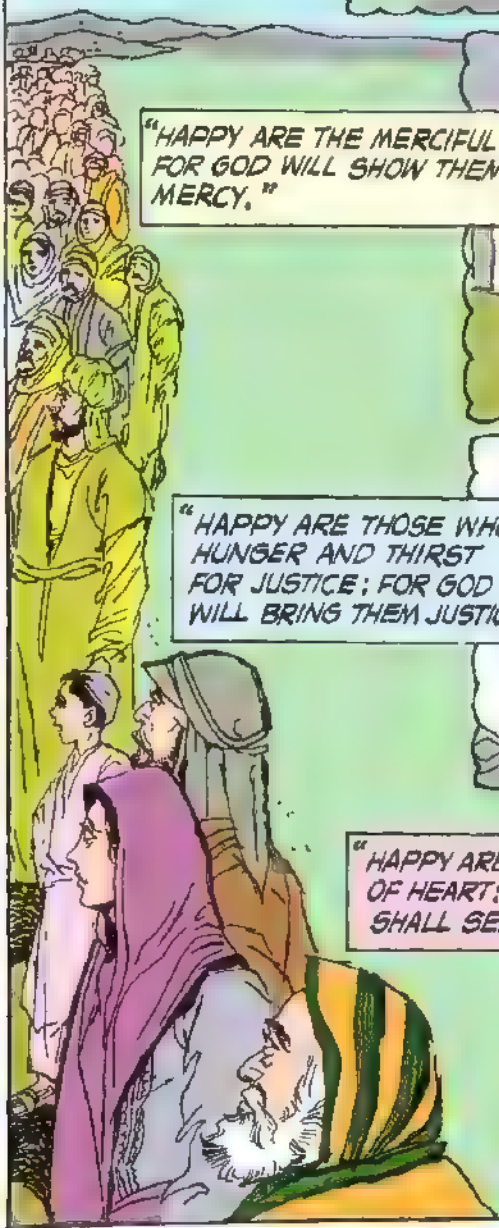
"HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL:
FOR GOD WILL SHOW THEM
MERCY."



"HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO
HUNGER AND THIRST
FOR JUSTICE; FOR GOD
WILL BRING THEM JUSTICE."



"HAPPY ARE THE PURE
OF HEART; FOR THEY
SHALL SEE GOD."



JESUS CONTINUED TO TEACH —

PEOPLE SAY: LOVE YOUR
FRIENDS AND HATE YOUR ENEMIES.
BUT I SAY TO YOU: LOVE
YOUR ENEMIES.



WHAT IS SO GREAT ABOUT LOVING
ONLY YOUR FRIENDS?
EVEN SINNERS LOVE THOSE
WHO LOVE THEM.



BLESS THOSE WHO CURSE
YOU. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
HATE YOU.

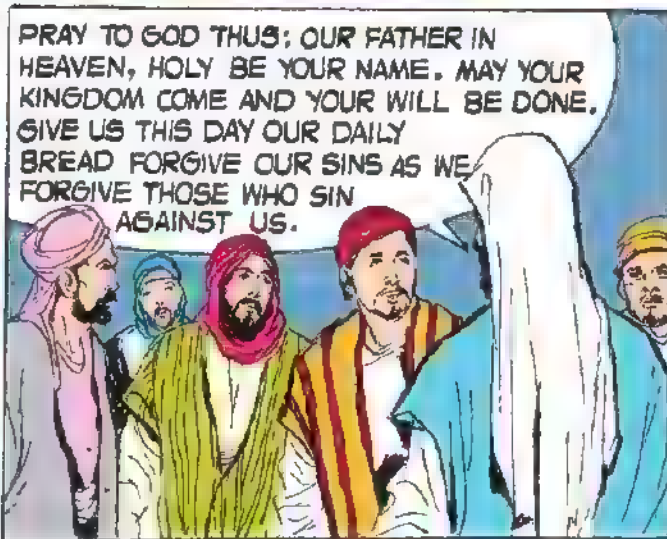


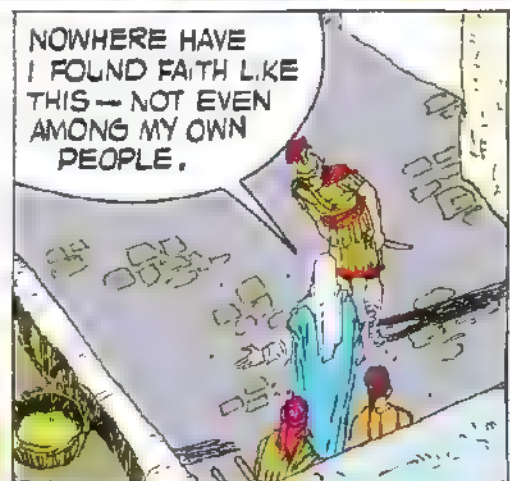
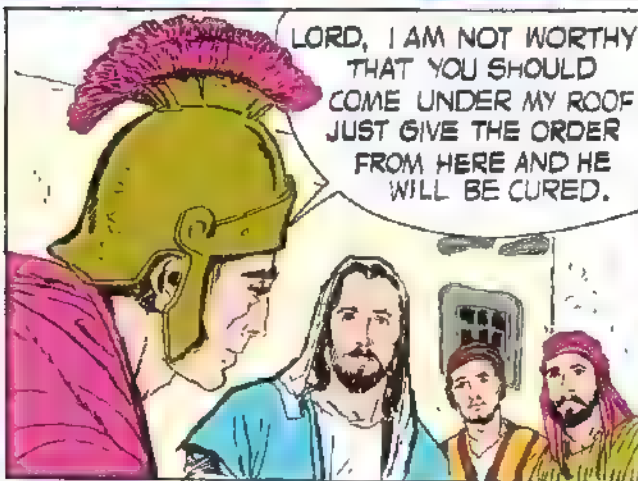
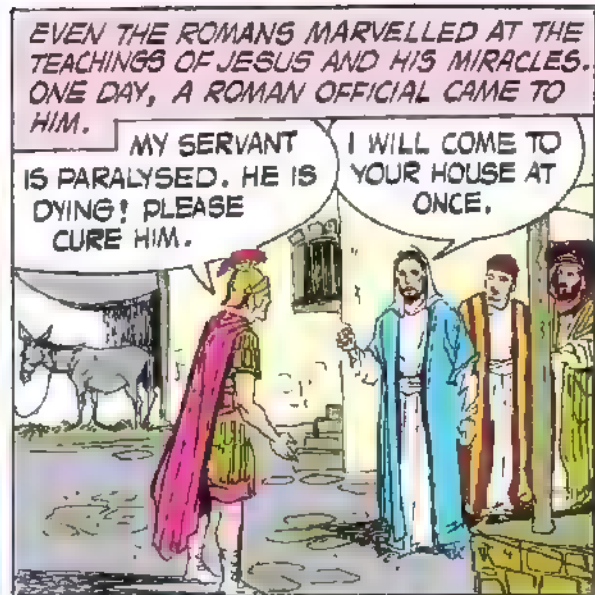
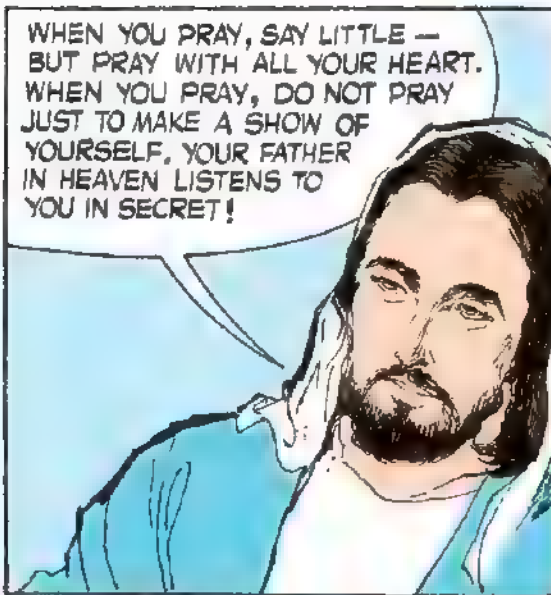


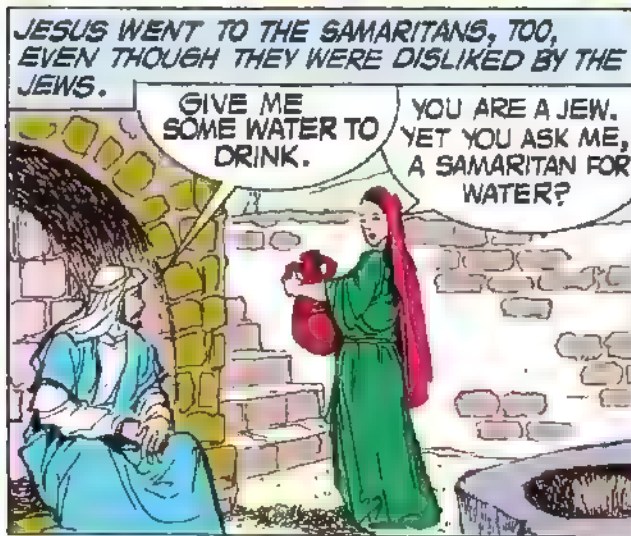
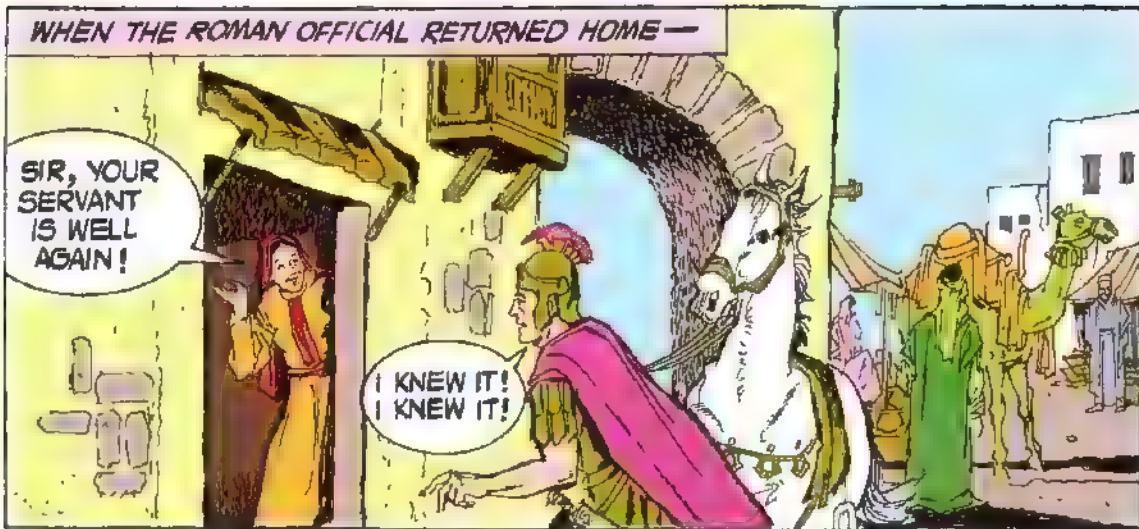
JESUS OFTEN SPENT WHOLE NIGHTS IN PRAYER.

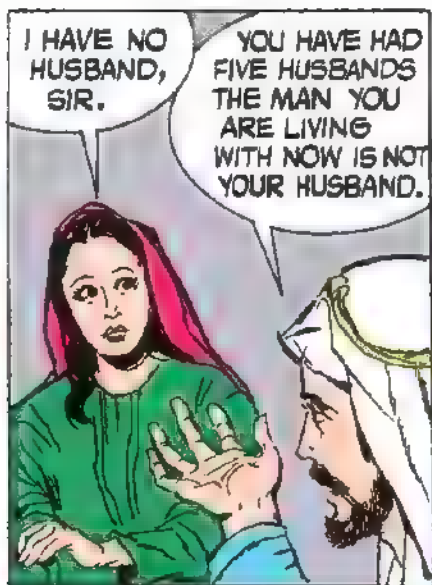


ONE DAY—









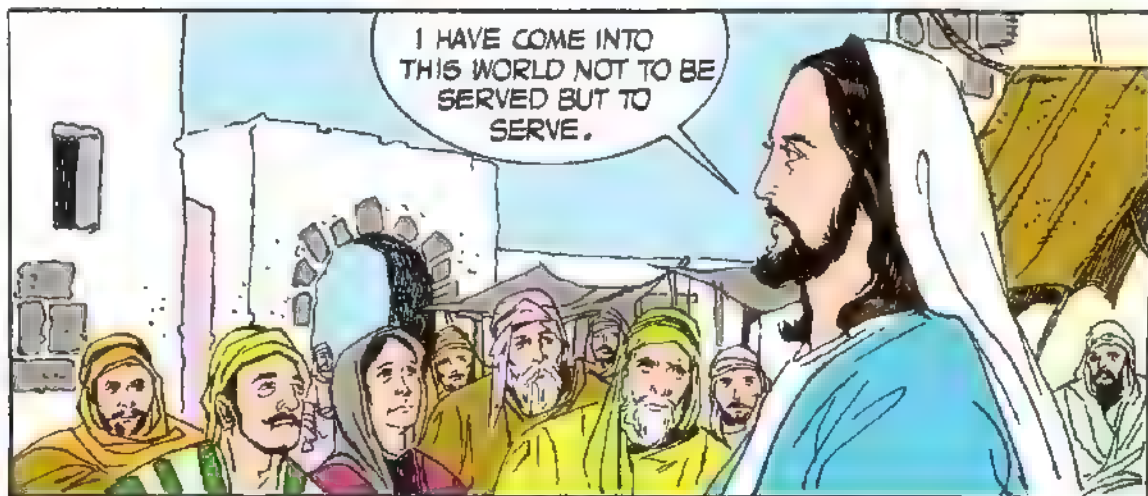
THE WOMAN WENT AND TOLD HER NEIGHBOURS ABOUT JESUS.



JESUS WELCOMED THE CROWDS THAT CAME TO HIM.







"... WHO LEFT HIM WOUNDED AND HALF DEAD.



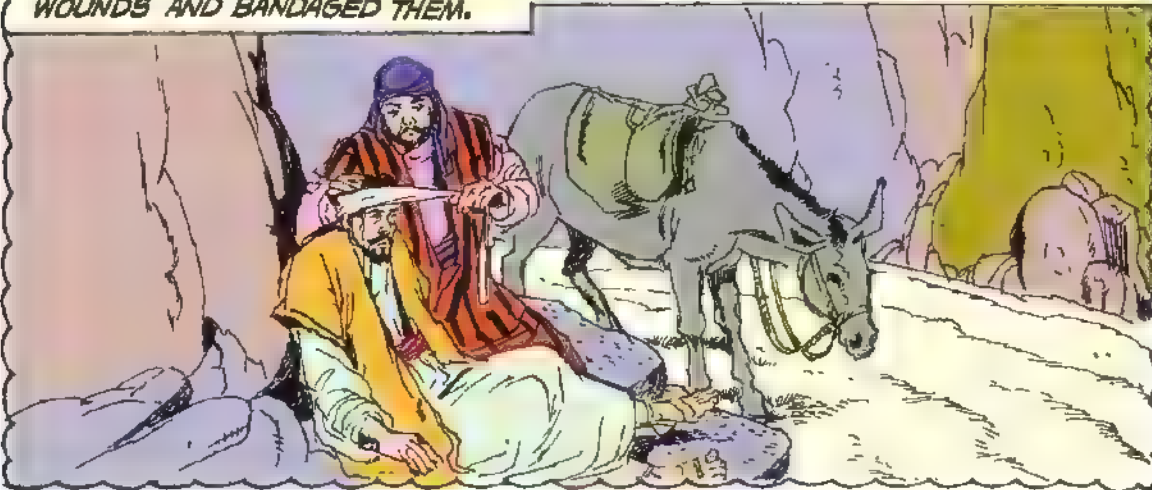
"NOW A PRIEST PASSED BY BUT HE DID NOT CARE.



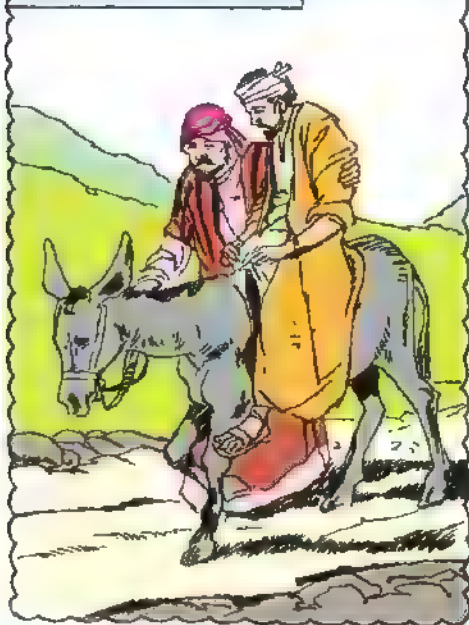
"HE JUST IGNORED HIM.



"BUT A SAMARITAN TRAVELLER HAD COMPASSION ON HIM. HE CLEANED HIS WOUNDS AND BANDAGED THEM.

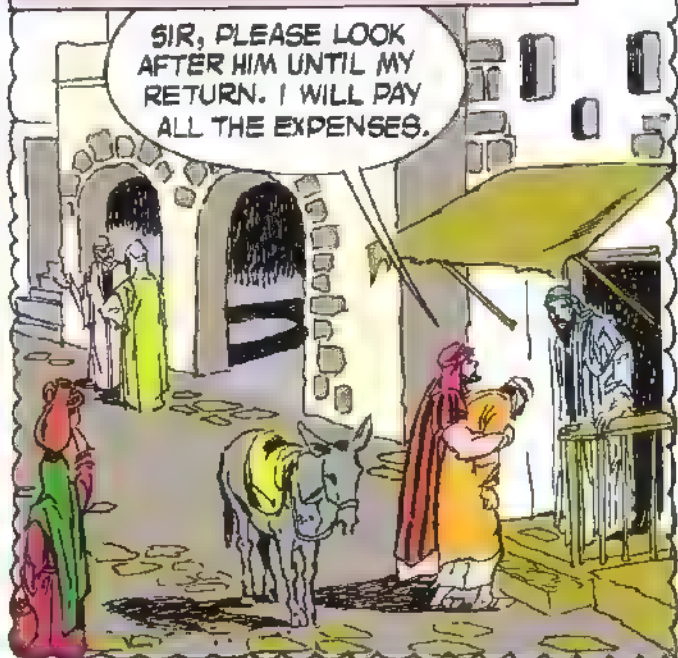


"THE SAMARITAN PUT THE MAN
ON HIS DONKEY ...



"... AND CARRIED HIM TO AN INN."

SIR, PLEASE LOOK
AFTER HIM UNTIL MY
RETURN. I WILL PAY
ALL THE EXPENSES.



NOW TELL ME WHICH
OF THESE MEN SHOWED
BROTHERLY
LOVE?

THE MAN
WHO SHOWED
MERCY.

THE GOOD
SAMARITAN.



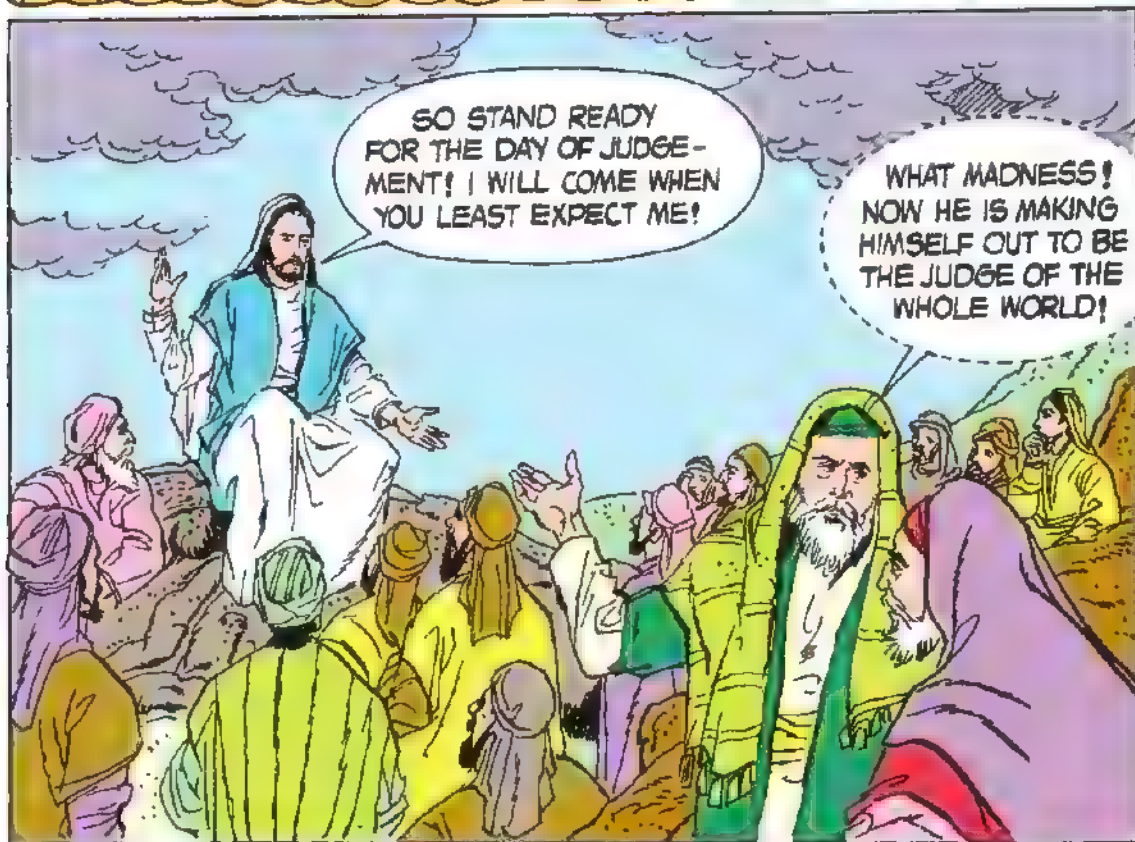
GO AND DO THE SAME.
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR
AS YOURSELF.











JESUS WENT ON PREACHING—

DON'T BE LIKE THE PHARISEES.
THEY LIKE TO SHOW OFF.
OUTSIDE THEY LOOK SO
HOLY, BUT INSIDE
THEY ARE CORRUPT.



ONCE, TWO MEN WENT TO
PRAY IN THE TEMPLE:
A PHARISEE AND A TAX
COLLECTOR.



GOD, I THANK YOU THAT
I AM NOT GREEDY AND
DISHONEST LIKE THE TAX
COLLECTOR OVER THERE.
I FAST TWICE A WEEK.
I GIVE MONEY TO
THE POOR.

PLEASE,
GOD, HAVE
MERCY ON
ME— A
POOR
SINNER.





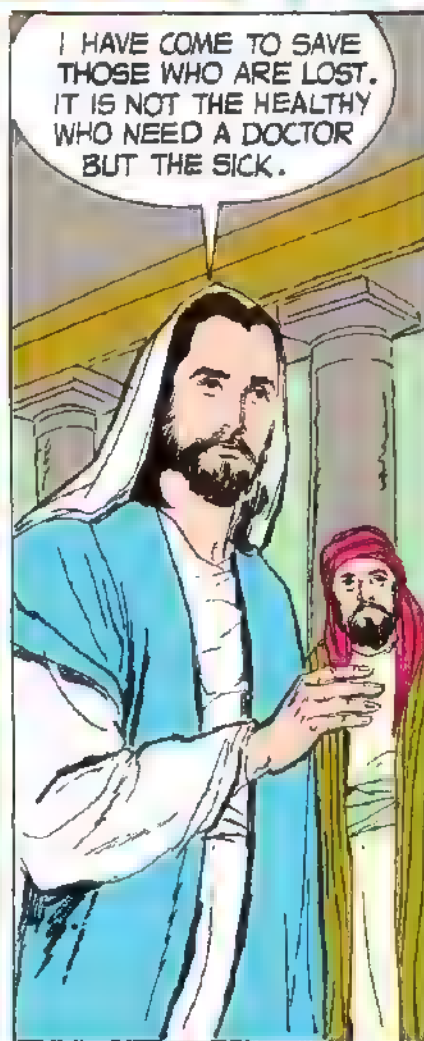
GOD WAS SURELY PLEASED WITH THE HUMBLE SINNER, AND NOT WITH THE PROUD PHARISEE. HE WHO MAKES HIMSELF GREAT WILL BE HUMBLLED AND HE WHO HUMBLLES HIMSELF WILL BE MADE GREAT.

AGAIN HE IS INSULTING US. HE IS GOING TOO FAR!



THE PHARISEES TRIED TO FIND FAULT WITH JESUS.

WHY DO YOU EAT WITH SINNERS?



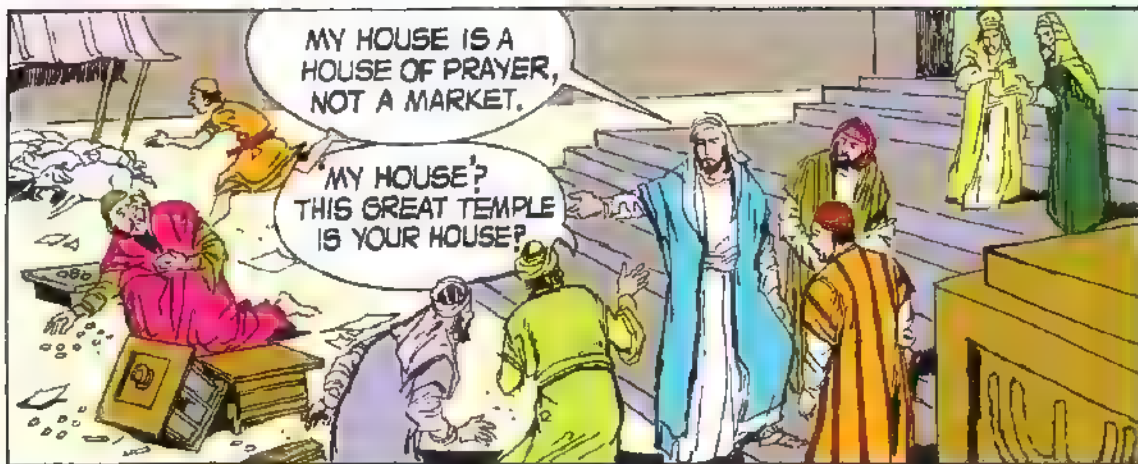
I HAVE COME TO SAVE THOSE WHO ARE LOST. IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR BUT THE SICK.

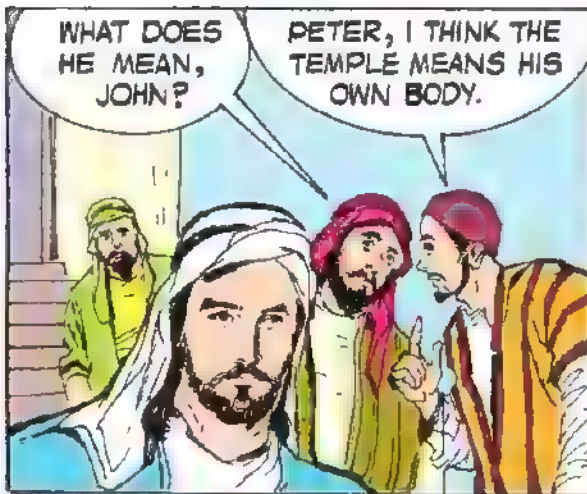
ONE DAY WHEN JESUS WENT TO THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM —



JESUS MADE A WHIP OF CORDS AND DROVE OUT THE MERCHANTS.

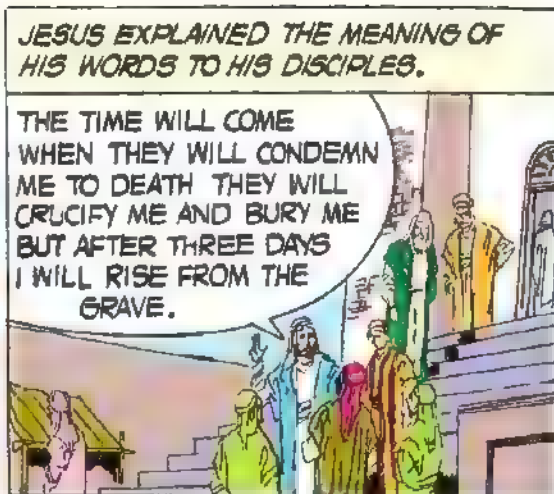






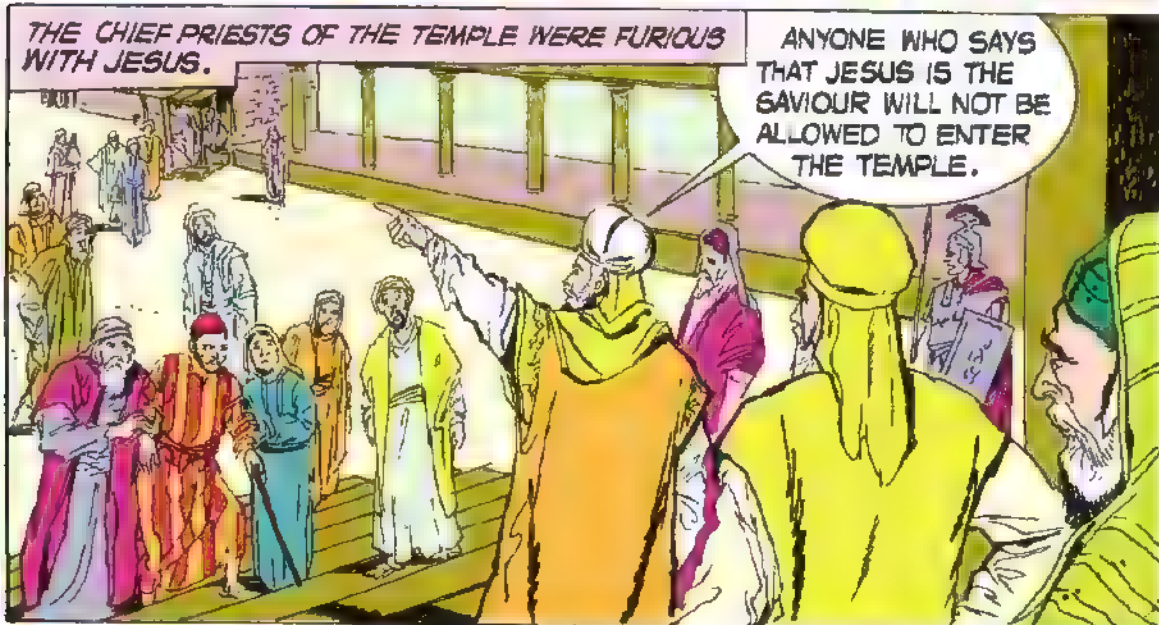
WHAT DOES HE MEAN, JOHN?

PETER, I THINK THE TEMPLE MEANS HIS OWN BODY.



JESUS EXPLAINED THE MEANING OF HIS WORDS TO HIS DISCIPLES.

THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL CONDEMN ME TO DEATH THEY WILL CRUCIFY ME AND BURY ME BUT AFTER THREE DAYS I WILL RISE FROM THE GRAVE.



THE CHIEF PRIESTS OF THE TEMPLE WERE FURIOUS WITH JESUS.

ANYONE WHO SAYS THAT JESUS IS THE SAVIOUR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE TEMPLE.



THE PRIESTS' ORDERS MADE PEOPLE AFRAID BUT SOME BRAVELY KEPT GOING TO JESUS—

LORD, HAVE MERCY ON ME, A POOR BLIND MAN.

MASTER, THIS MAN, JACOB, WAS BORN BLIND HE HAS BEEN BEGGING FOR MANY YEARS.

JESUS SPAT ON THE GROUND, MADE SOME PASTE AND APPLIED IT TO THE BLIND MAN'S EYES.

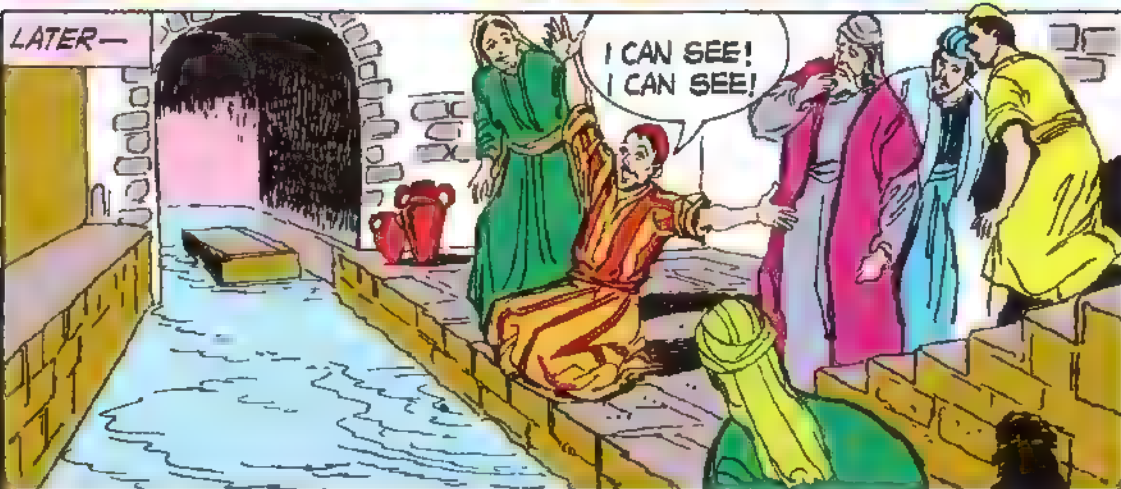


JACOB, YOU WILL SOON SEE THE GLORY OF GOD! FOR I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

NOW GO AND WASH YOUR EYES IN THE POOL OF SILOAM.



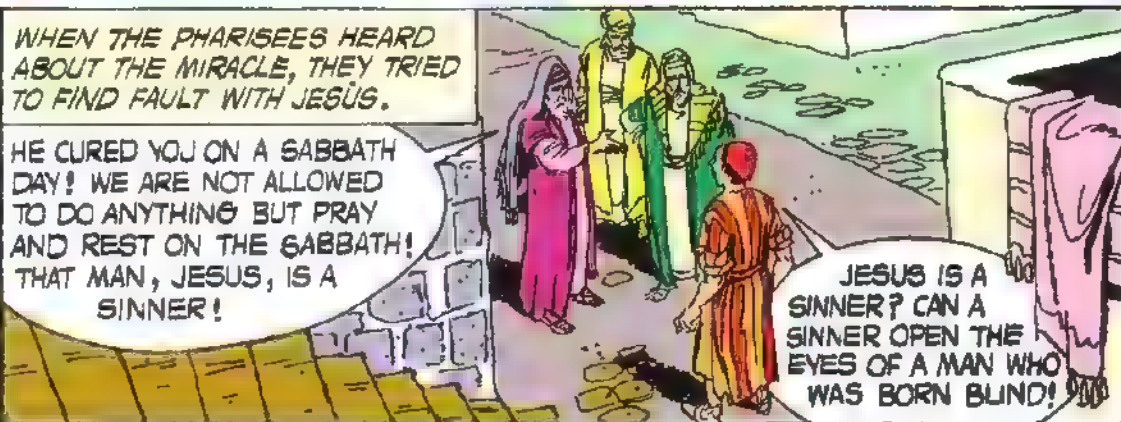
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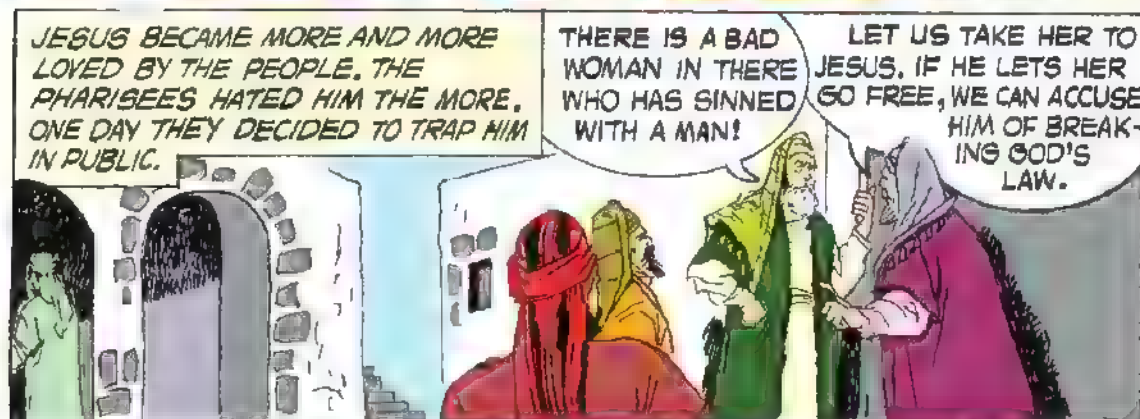
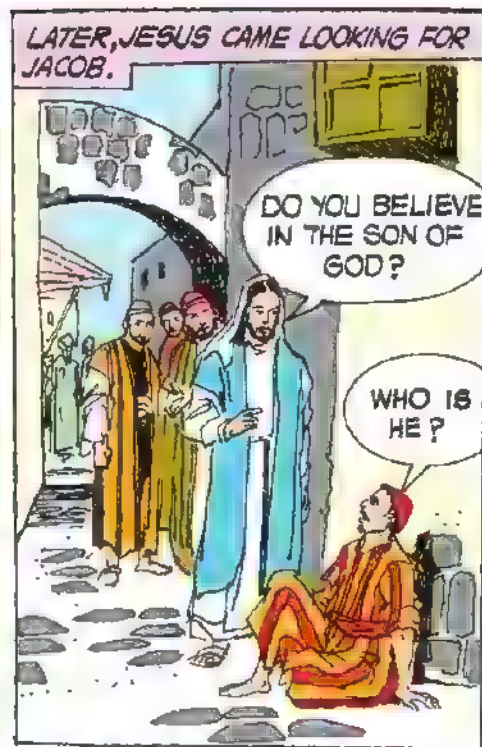
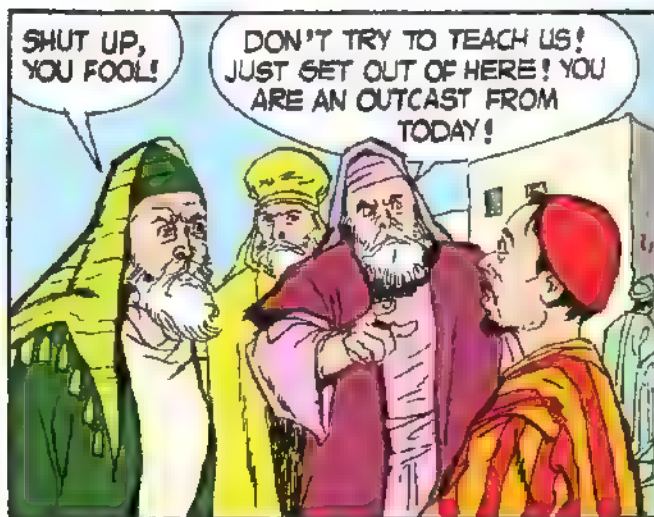
I CAN SEE!
I CAN SEE!

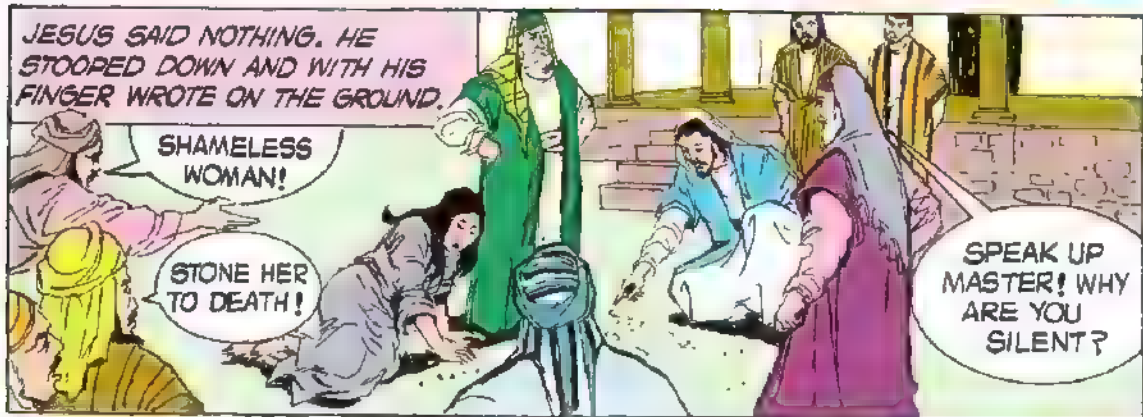
WHEN THE PHARISEES HEARD ABOUT THE MIRACLE, THEY TRIED TO FIND FAULT WITH JESUS.

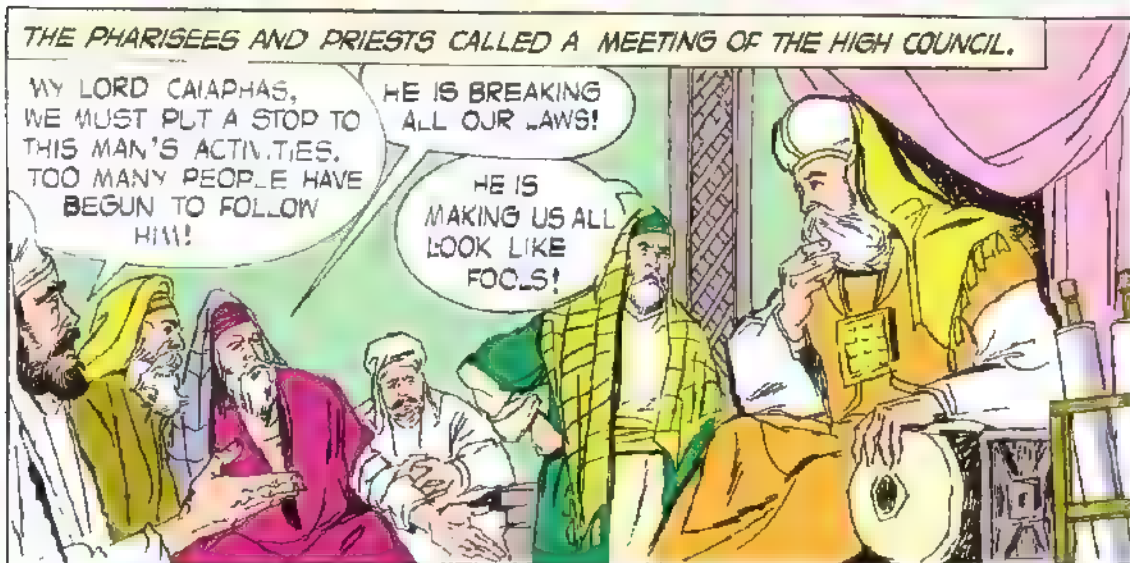
HE CURED YOU ON A SABBATH DAY! WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO ANYTHING BUT PRAY AND REST ON THE SABBATH! THAT MAN, JESUS, IS A SINNER!

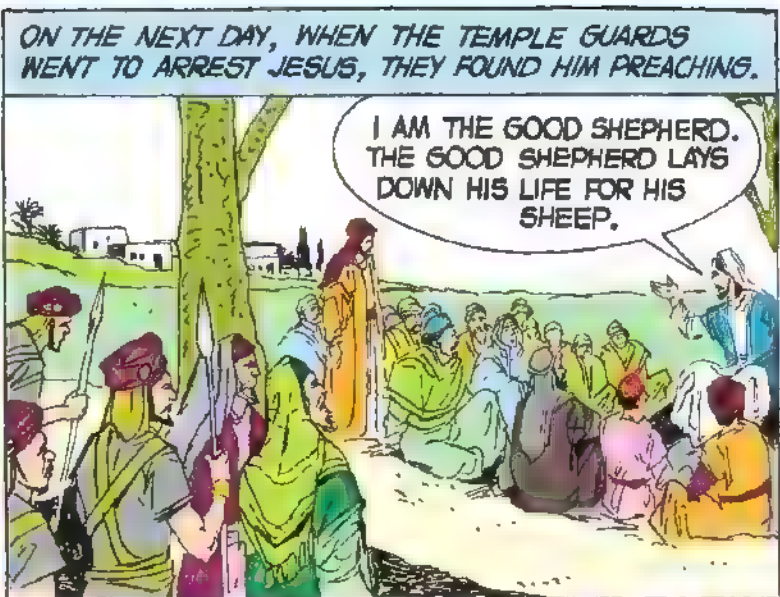


JESUS IS A SINNER? CAN A SINNER OPEN THE EYES OF A MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND!





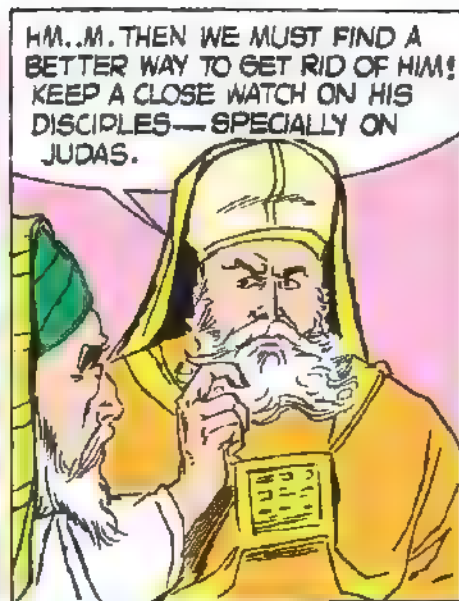




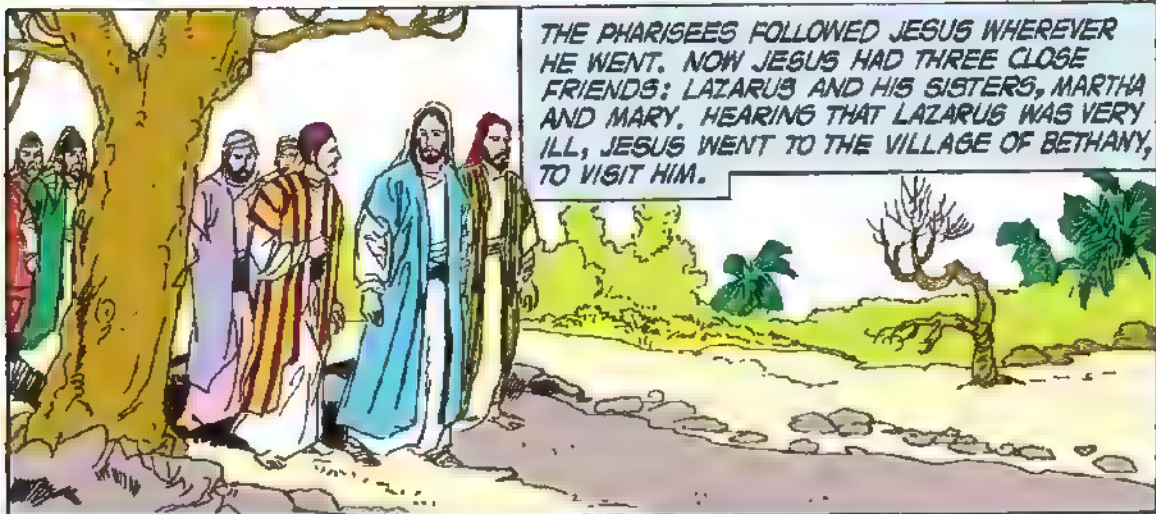


WHAT! HE HAS
FOOLED YOU
TOO?

MY LORD, THEY ARE
ALL AFRAID OF THE
CROWD.



H.M..M. THEN WE MUST FIND A
BETTER WAY TO GET RID OF HIM!
KEEP A CLOSE WATCH ON HIS
DISCIPLES—SPECIALLY ON
JUDAS.

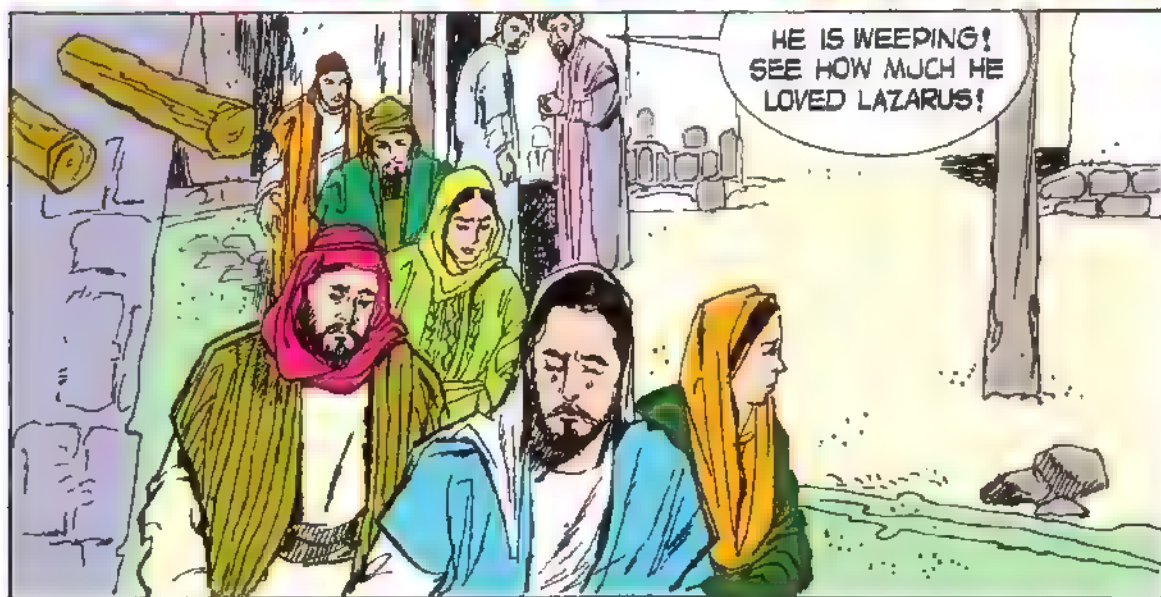
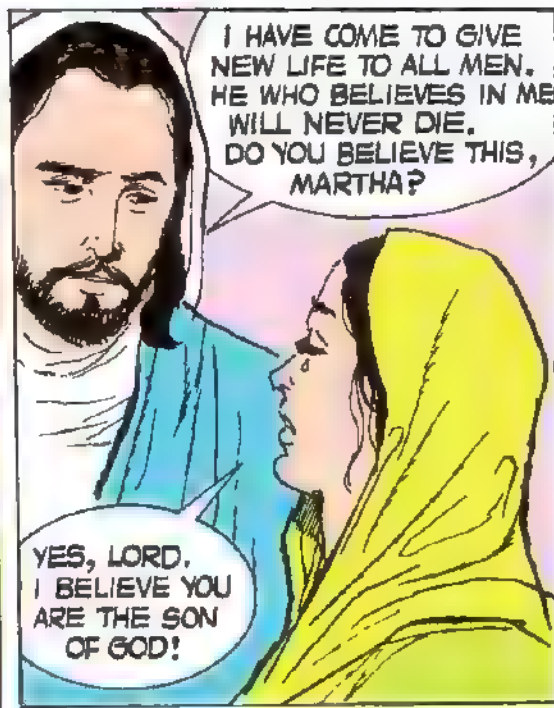


THE PHARISEES FOLLOWED JESUS WHEREVER
HE WENT. NOW JESUS HAD THREE CLOSE
FRIENDS: LAZARUS AND HIS SISTERS, MARTHA
AND MARY. HEARING THAT LAZARUS WAS VERY
ILL, JESUS WENT TO THE VILLAGE OF BETHANY,
TO VISIT HIM.

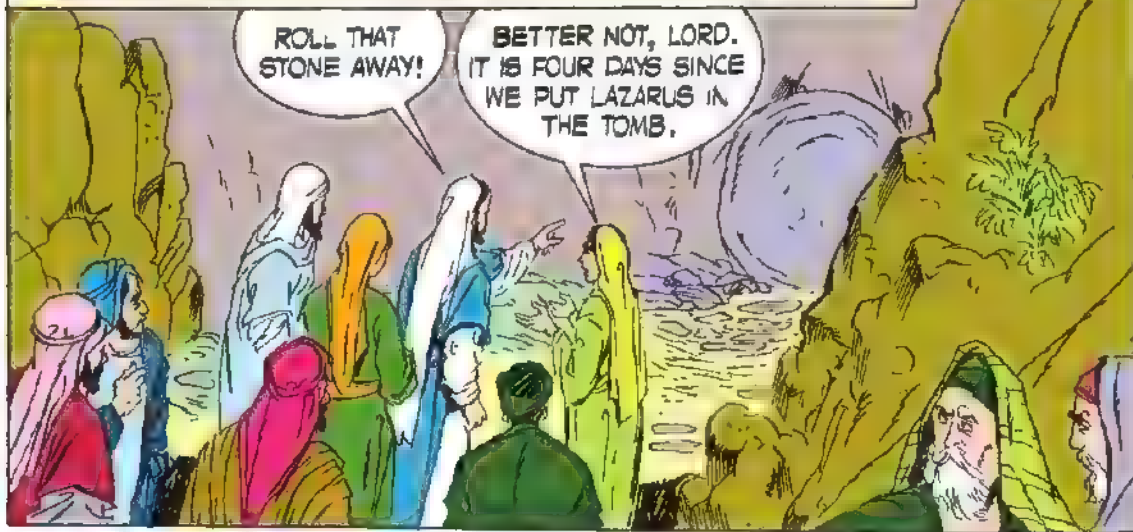


WHEN JESUS ARRIVED NEAR BETHANY, MARTHA CAME
OUT TO MEET HIM.

LORD, MY BROTHER HAS DIED!
IF YOU HAD BEEN HERE THIS
WOULD NOT HAVE
HAPPENED.



JESUS WAS TAKEN TO THE PLACE WHERE LAZARUS WAS PLACED.



ROLL THAT
STONE AWAY!

BETTER NOT, LORD.
IT IS FOUR DAYS SINCE
WE PUT LAZARUS IN
THE TOMB.

MARTHA, DID I NOT TELL YOU
THAT IF YOU WOULD ONLY BELIEVE,
YOU WOULD SEE THE GLORY OF
GOD?



THEY TOOK AWAY THE STONE THAT SEALED THE
TOMB. THEN JESUS PRAYED.



FATHER, I THANK
YOU FOR ALWAYS
HEARING MY PRAYERS.
LET THEM ALL BELIEVE
THAT I COME FROM
YOU!

LAZARUS,
COME OUT!



LAZARUS AROSE FROM THE TOMB.



UNBIND HIM AND LET HIM GO FREE!

PRAISE GOD!

PRAISE GOD!

THE CROWDS ARE GOING CRAZY!

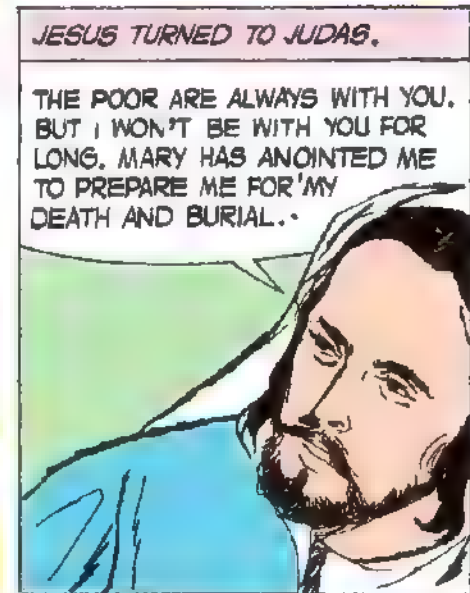
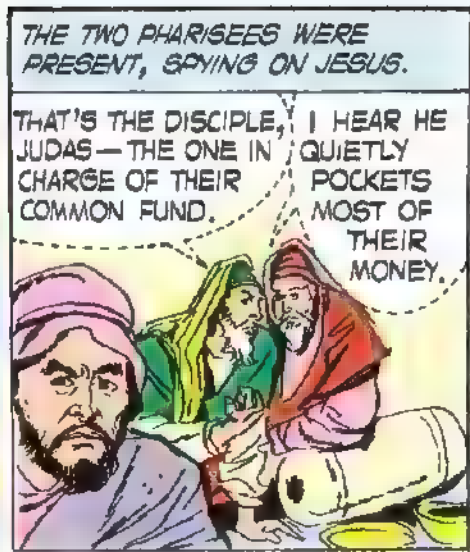
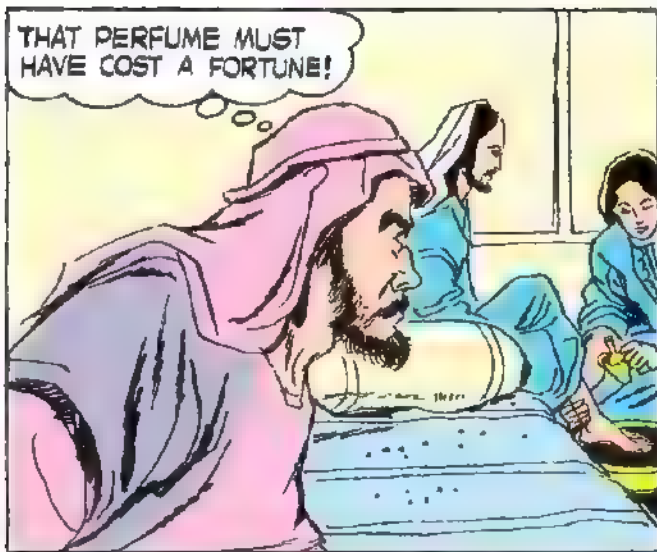


OH, THANK YOU, LORD! THANK YOU!

THE NEXT NIGHT, JESUS WAS INVITED TO DINNER AT THE HOME OF LAZARUS.



THANK YOU, MARY! YOUR HEART IS AS PURE AS THIS PERFUME YOU'VE POURED OVER MY FEET.



A MEETING WITH THE HIGH PRIEST WAS ARRANGED —





THE NEXT DAY, JESUS LEFT BETHANY AND WENT TO JERUSALEM. THE NEWS OF HIS RECENT MIRACLE HAD SPREAD AND CROWDS FOLLOWED HIM EVERYWHERE.



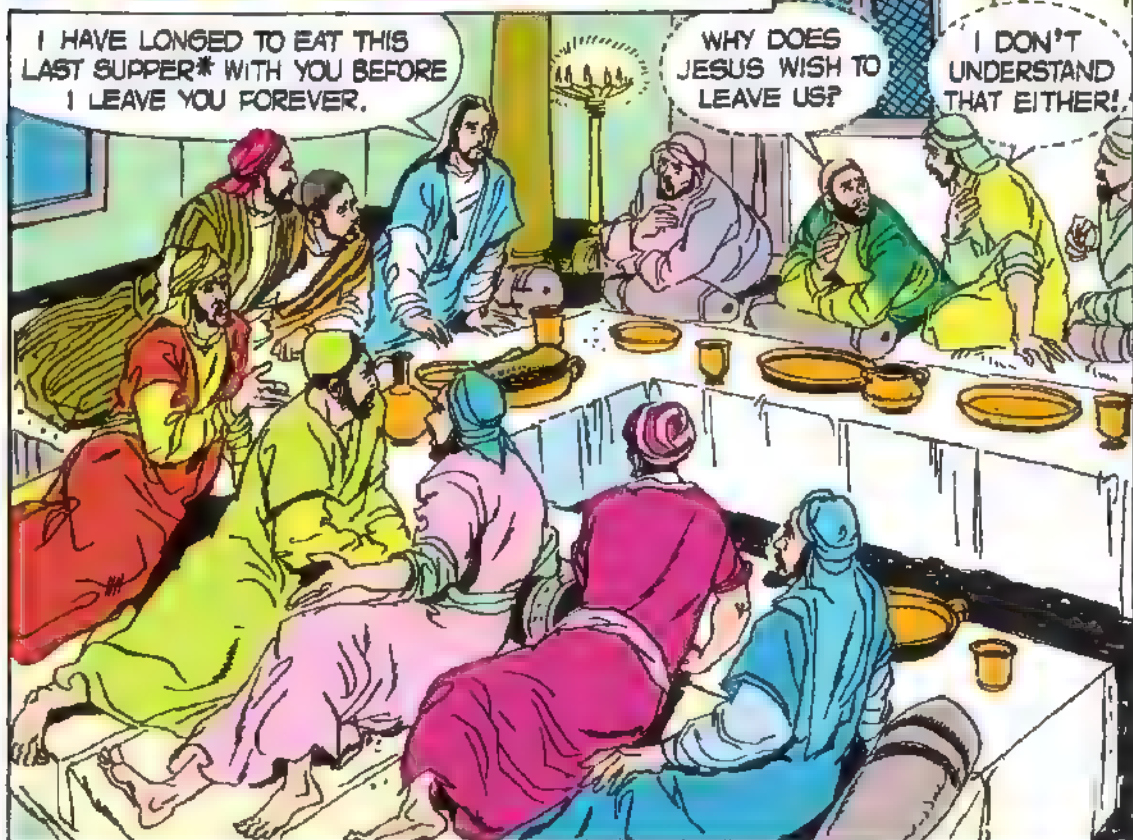
* SAVE US



WE MUST ACT FAST! HE IS BECOMING TOO POPULAR!

THEY HAVE ALL HEARD ABOUT LAZARUS!

LIKE OTHER JEWS IN JERUSALEM, JESUS AND HIS TWELVE DISCIPLES CELEBRATED THE PASSOVER WITH A SPECIAL SUPPER.



I HAVE LONGED TO EAT THIS LAST SUPPER* WITH YOU BEFORE I LEAVE YOU FOREVER.

WHY DOES JESUS WISH TO LEAVE US?

I DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT EITHER!



BEFORE BEGINNING THE MEAL —

LORD, ARE YOU GOING TO WASH OUR FEET? THAT IS THE DUTY OF SERVANTS!

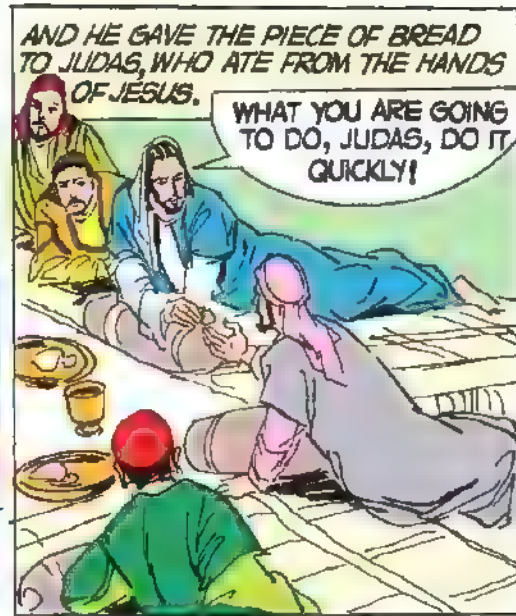
* THIS EPISODE LATER CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "LAST SUPPER"





WHO IS THE BETRAYER, LORD?

THE ONE TO WHOM I GIVE THIS PIECE OF BREAD DIPPED IN MY DISH WILL BETRAY ME.



AND HE GAVE THE PIECE OF BREAD TO JUDAS, WHO ATE FROM THE HANDS OF JESUS.

WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO, JUDAS, DO IT QUICKLY!

THEN JUDAS LEFT THE ROOM AND WALKED OUT INTO THE NIGHT.



LORD, I AM READY TO FOLLOW YOU TO PRISON AND TO DEATH!

PETER, THIS VERY NIGHT BEFORE THE COCK CROWS TWICE, THREE TIMES WILL YOU DENY KNOWING ME!

AS THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK SOME BREAD, BLESSED IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES.

THIS IS MY BODY, BROKEN AND OFFERED UP FOR YOU.



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. MY FLESH IS REAL FOOD AND MY BLOOD IS REAL LIFE-GIVING DRINK!



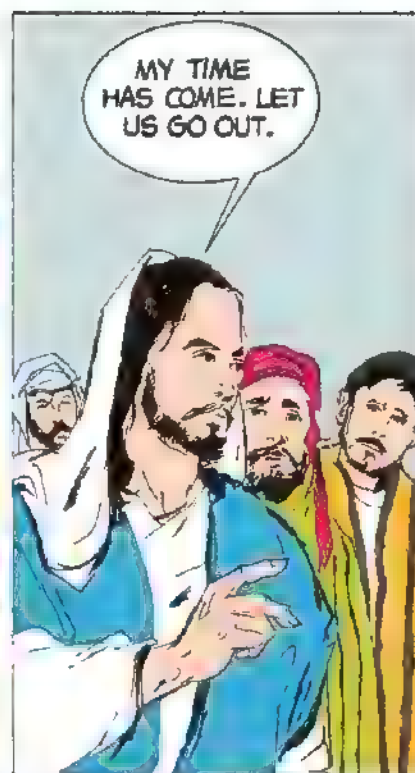
HE THEN TOOK A CUP OF WINE, GAVE THANKS TO GOD, AND OFFERED IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, ONE BY ONE.

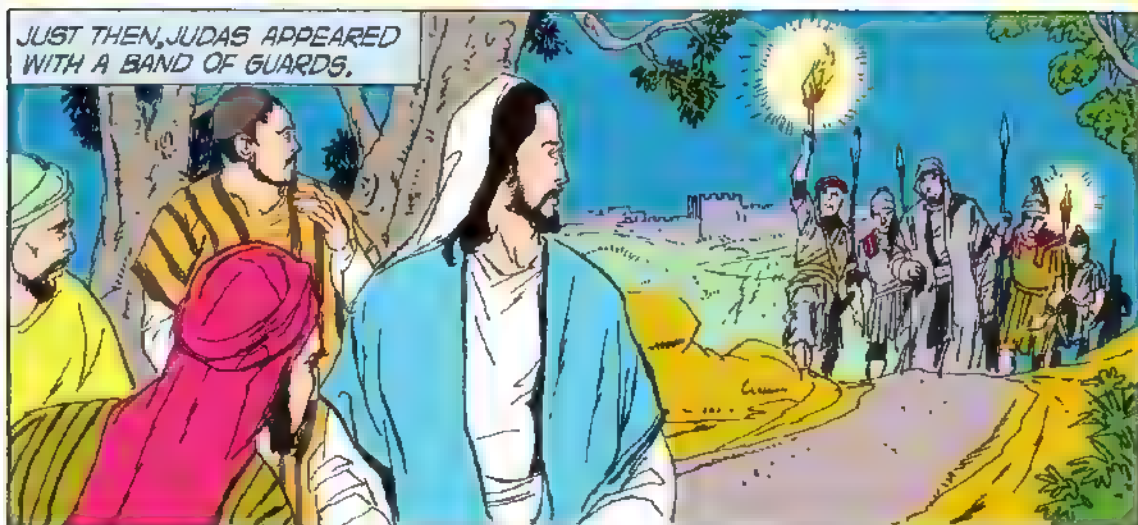
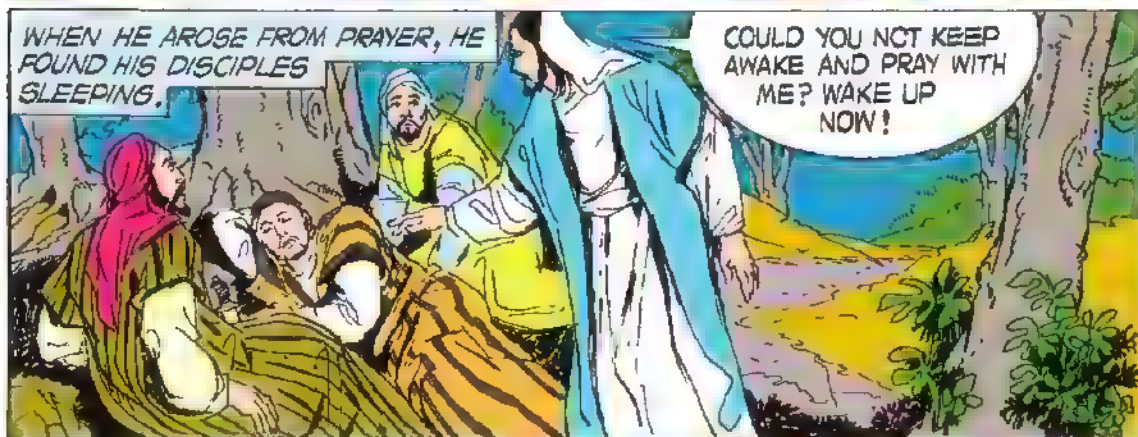
DRINK THIS—
FOR THIS IS MY
BLOOD, WHICH
WILL BE SHED
FOR YOU AND FOR
ALL MEN, FOR THE
FORGIVENESS OF
THEIR SINS.

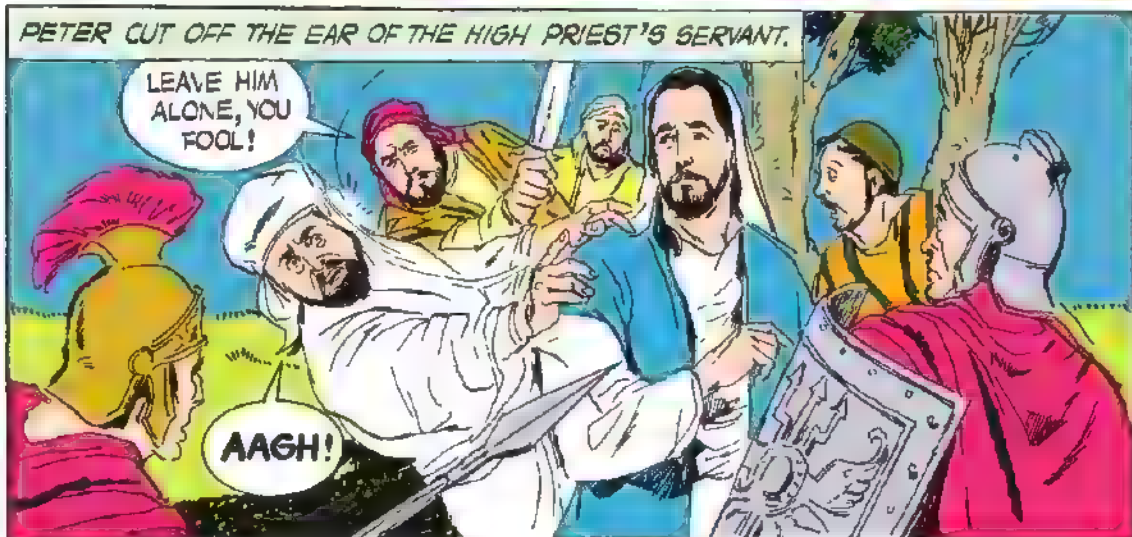
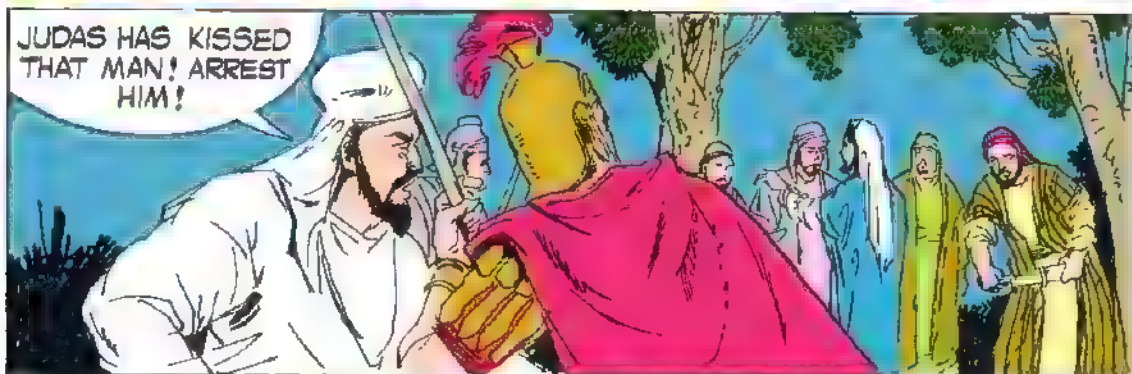


EVERY TIME
YOU COME TOGETHER
IN MY NAME, DO AS
I HAVE DONE, UNTIL
I COME AGAIN.



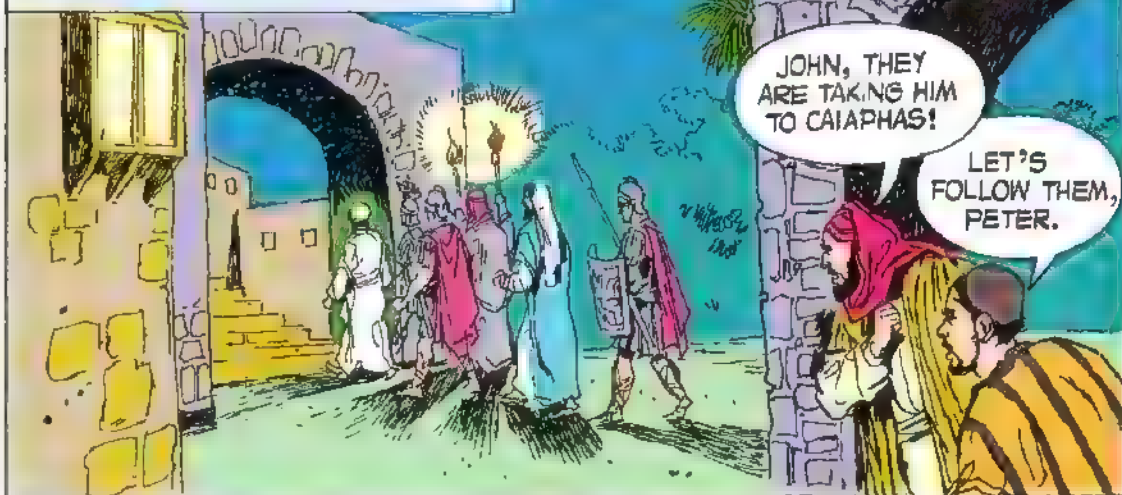






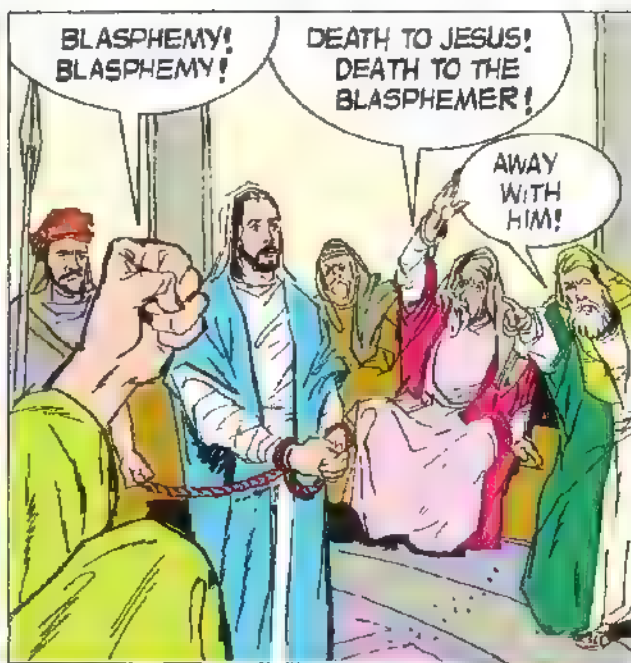


JESUS WAS TAKEN TO JERUSALEM.

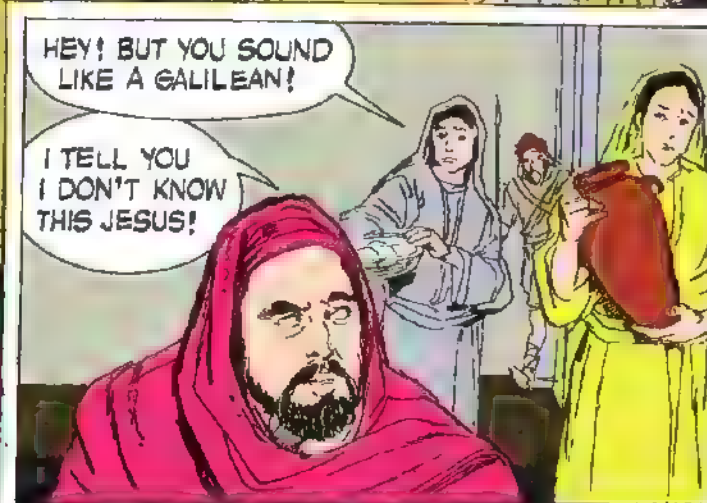
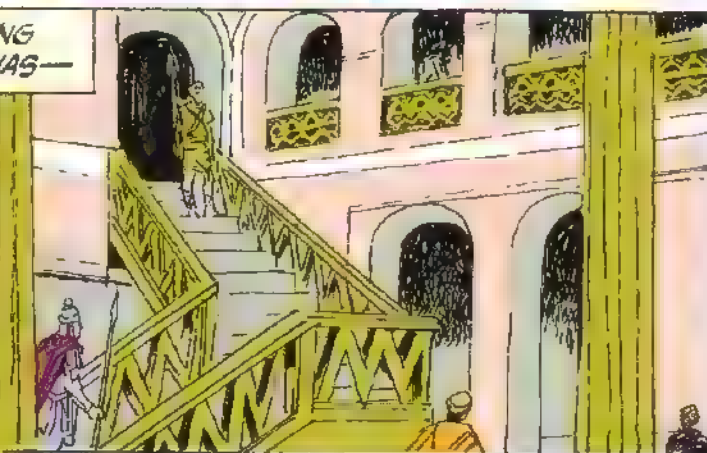


JESUS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE CAIAPHAS.





MEANWHILE PETER WAS SITTING OUTSIDE THE PALACE OF CAIAPHAS—



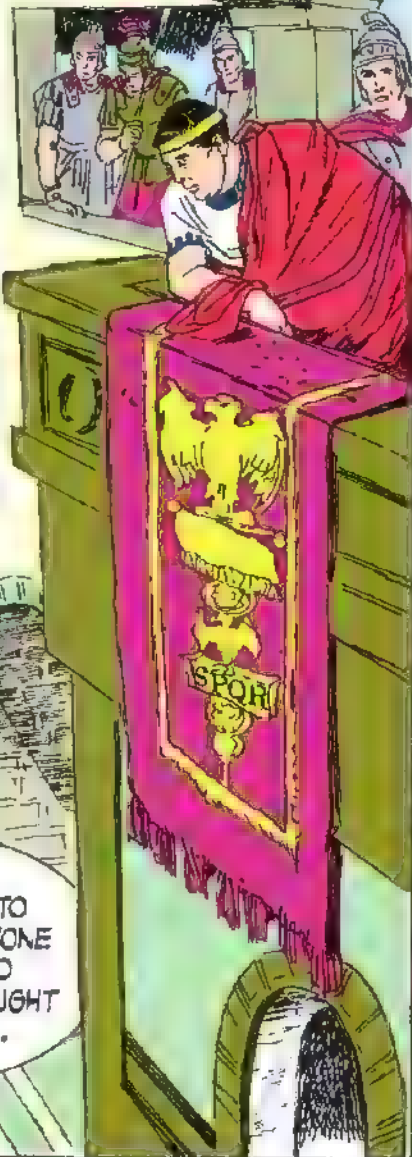


THAT NIGHT IN THE PRISON —

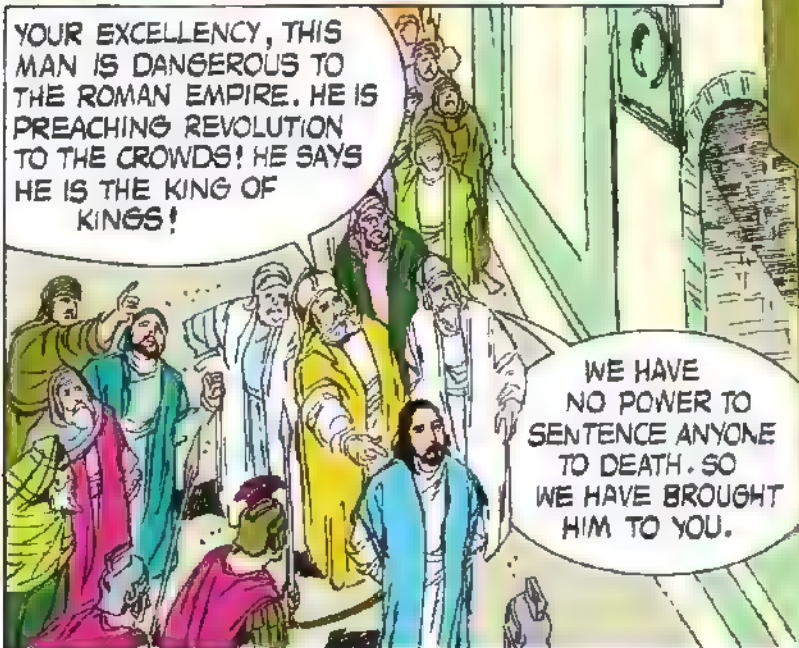
AHA! MIGHTY PROPHET! TELL US NOW WHO HIT YOU?



WHEN MORNING CAME, THEY TOOK JESUS TO PILATE, THE ROMAN GOVERNOR.



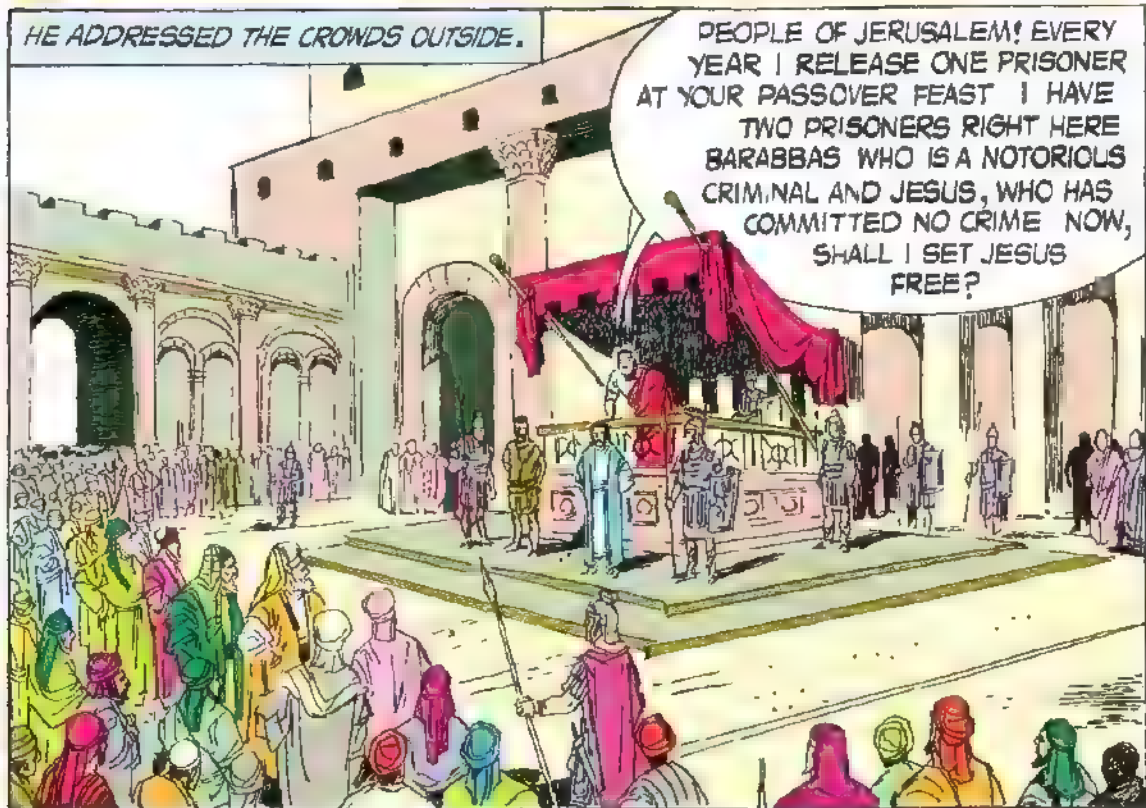
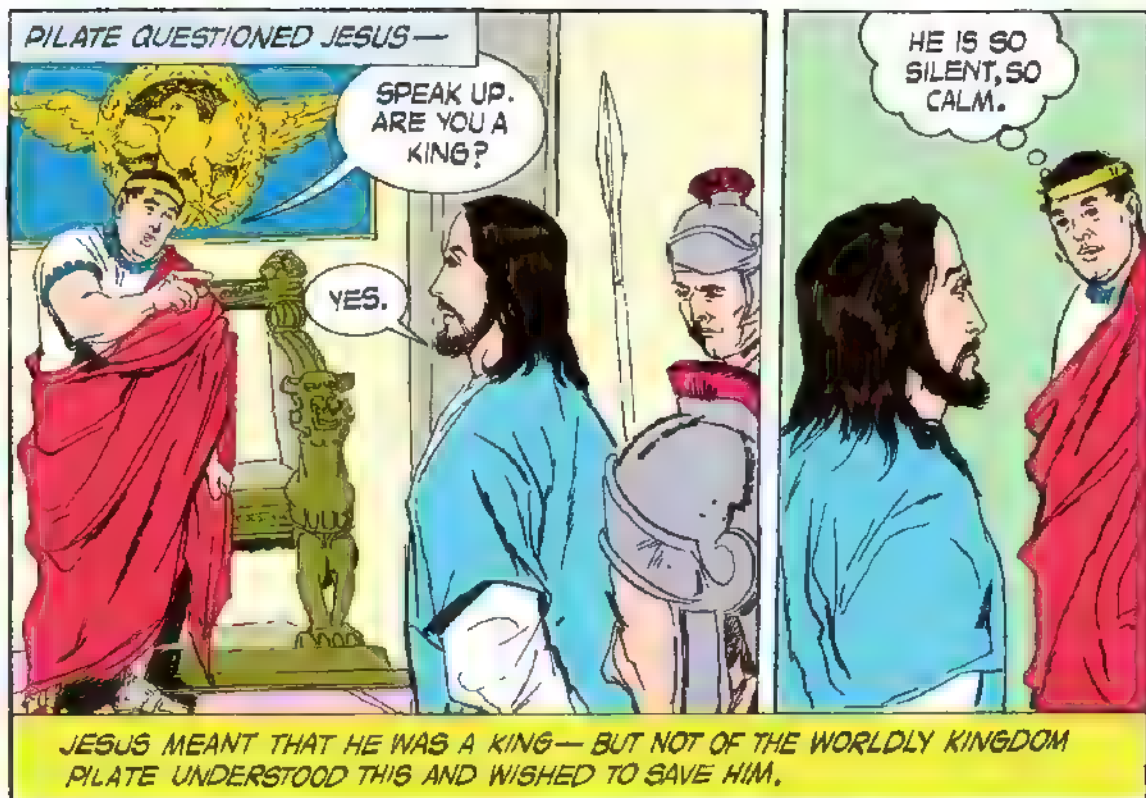
YOUR EXCELLENCY, THIS MAN IS DANGEROUS TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE. HE IS PREACHING REVOLUTION TO THE CROWDS! HE SAYS HE IS THE KING OF KINGS!

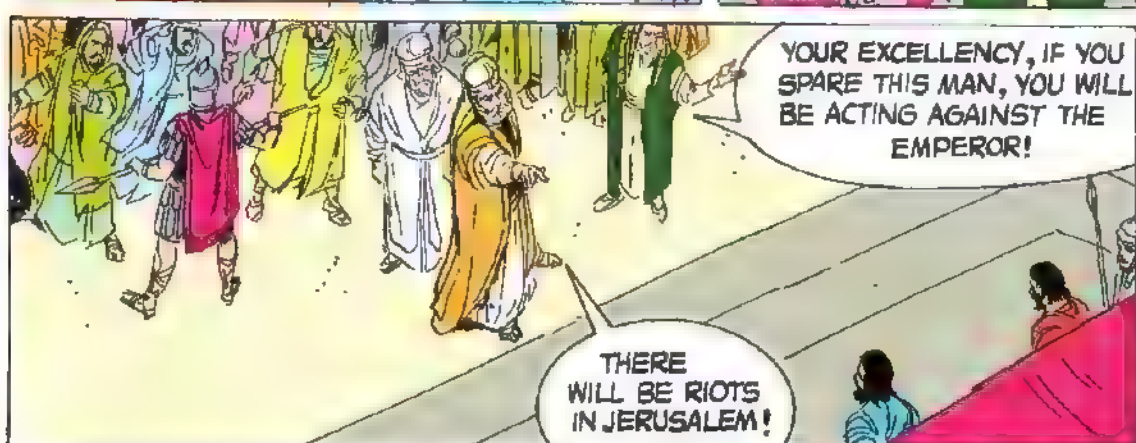
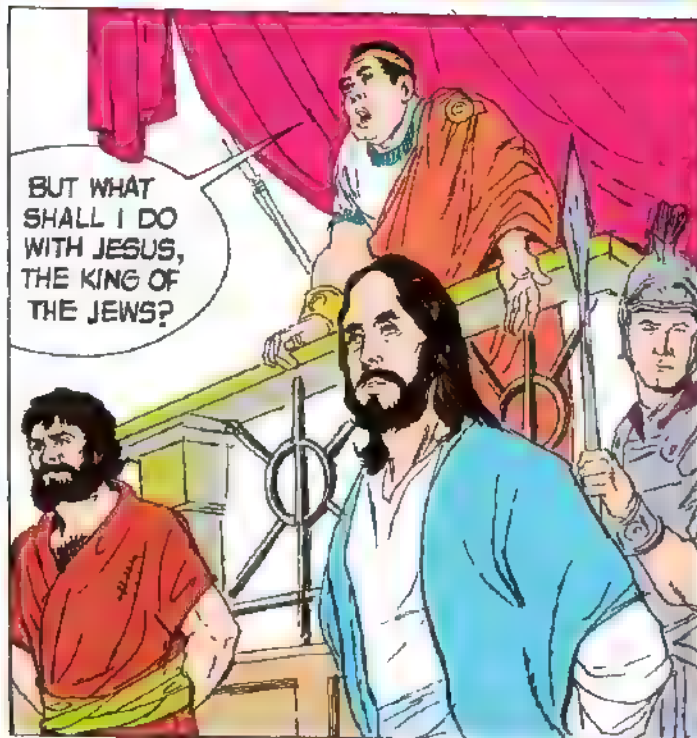


WE HAVE NO POWER TO SENTENCE ANYONE TO DEATH. SO WE HAVE BROUGHT HIM TO YOU.

WHAT IS THEIR GAME? I THINK THEY ARE USING ME TO GET RID OF HIM. YET THERE IS NOT MUCH I CAN DO TO SAVE HIM.



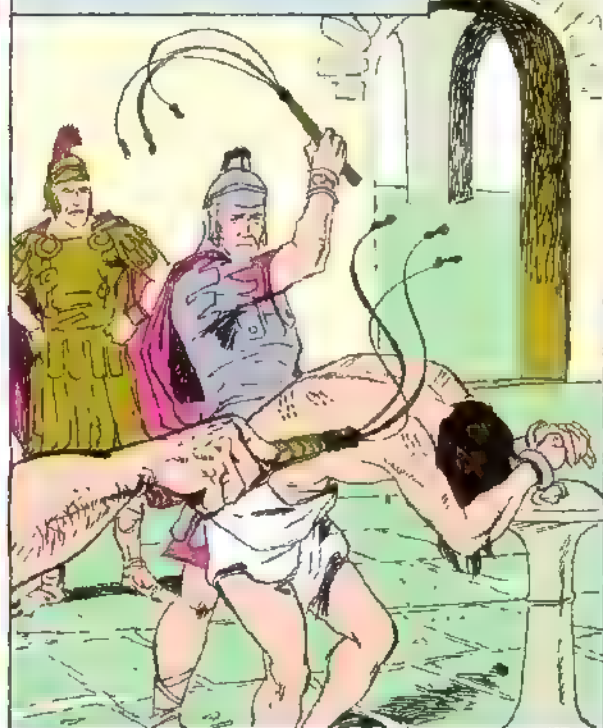




PILATE TRIED ANOTHER WAY OF
SAVING JESUS —



SO JESUS WAS SCOURGED.



THE SOLDIERS THEN MOCKED
JESUS —

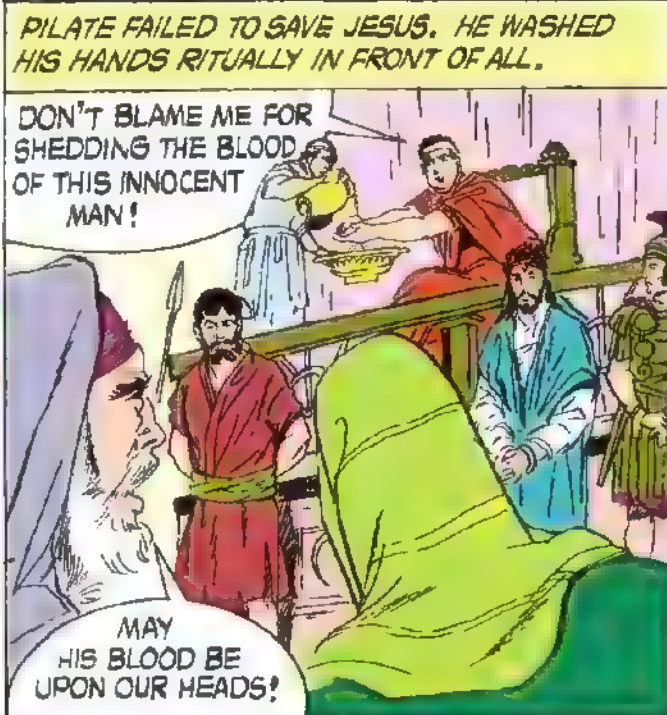


JESUS REMAINED SILENT.

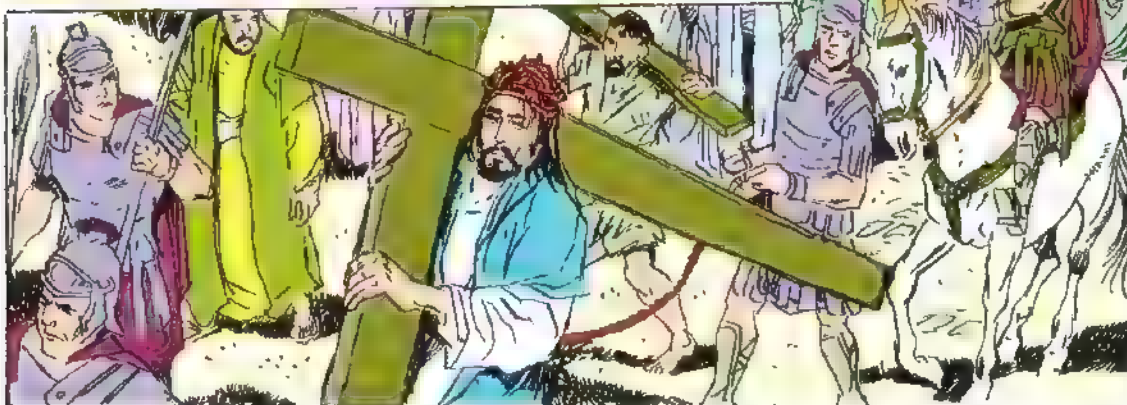
JESUS WAS THEN BROUGHT BEFORE THE
CROWD TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE MOVED BY
PITY.

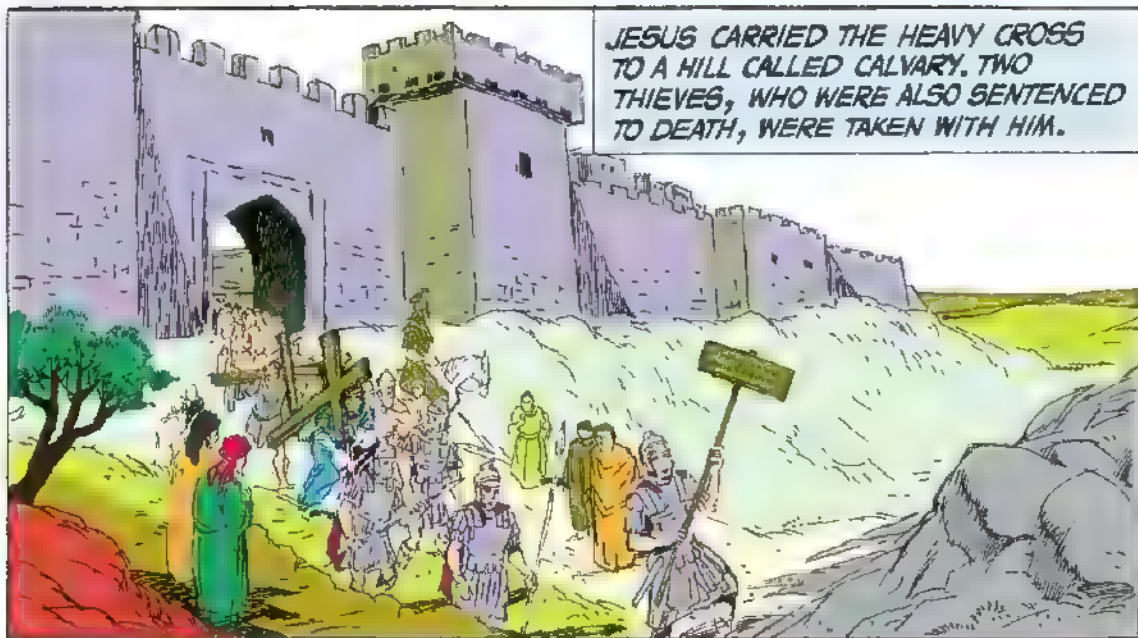


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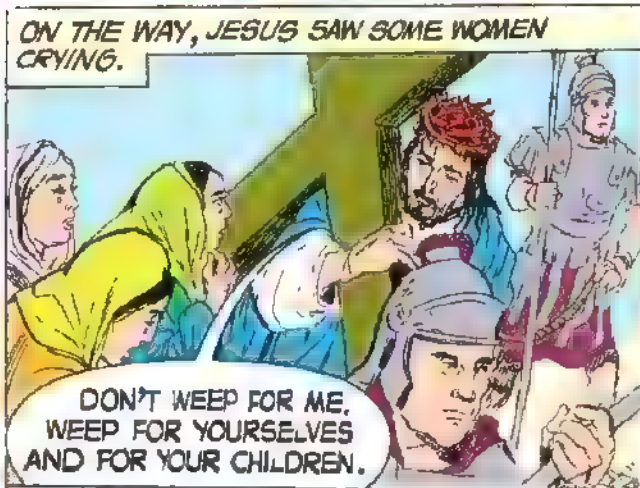


SO BARABBAS, THE KILLER, WAS SAVED, AND JESUS, THE SAVIOUR, WAS LED AWAY TO BE KILLED ON A CROSS.





JESUS CARRIED THE HEAVY CROSS TO A HILL CALLED CALVARY. TWO THIEVES, WHO WERE ALSO SENTENCED TO DEATH, WERE TAKEN WITH HIM.

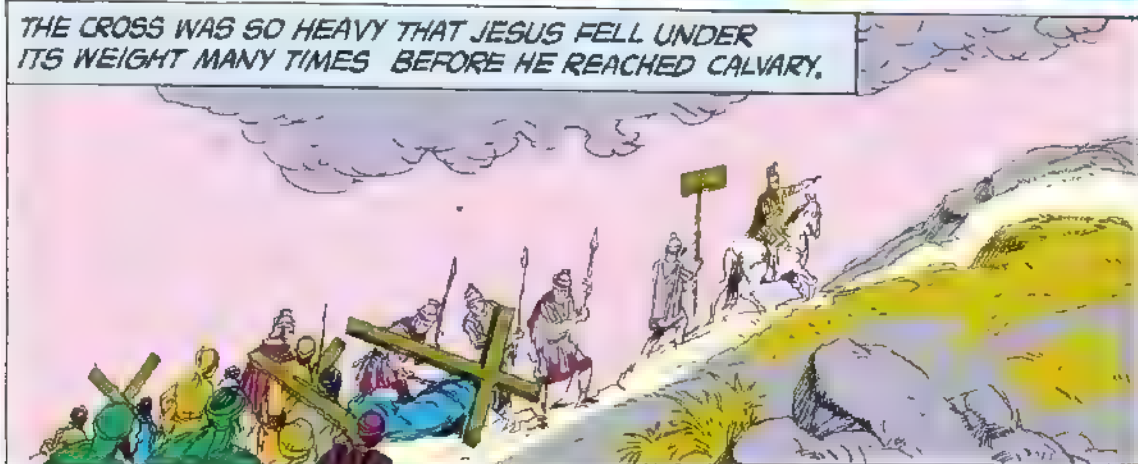


ON THE WAY, JESUS SAW SOME WOMEN CRYING.

DON'T WEEP FOR ME, WEEP FOR YOURSELVES AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN.



JESUS MET HIS MOTHER, MARY.



THE CROSS WAS SO HEAVY THAT JESUS FELL UNDER ITS WEIGHT MANY TIMES BEFORE HE REACHED CALVARY.

THE SOLDIERS THEN STRIPPED JESUS AND NAILED HIM TO THE CROSS. TWO THIEVES WERE ALSO CRUCIFIED ON EITHER SIDE OF JESUS.



THOUGH THEY MOCKED HIM WHILE HE WAS DYING, HE FORGAVE THEM ALL. HE PRAYED FOR THEM.



THOUGH THE OTHERS JEERED AT HIM, THE THIEF AT HIS RIGHT, BELIEVED IN HIM.

JESUS, REMEMBER ME IN YOUR KINGDOM!

TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE!

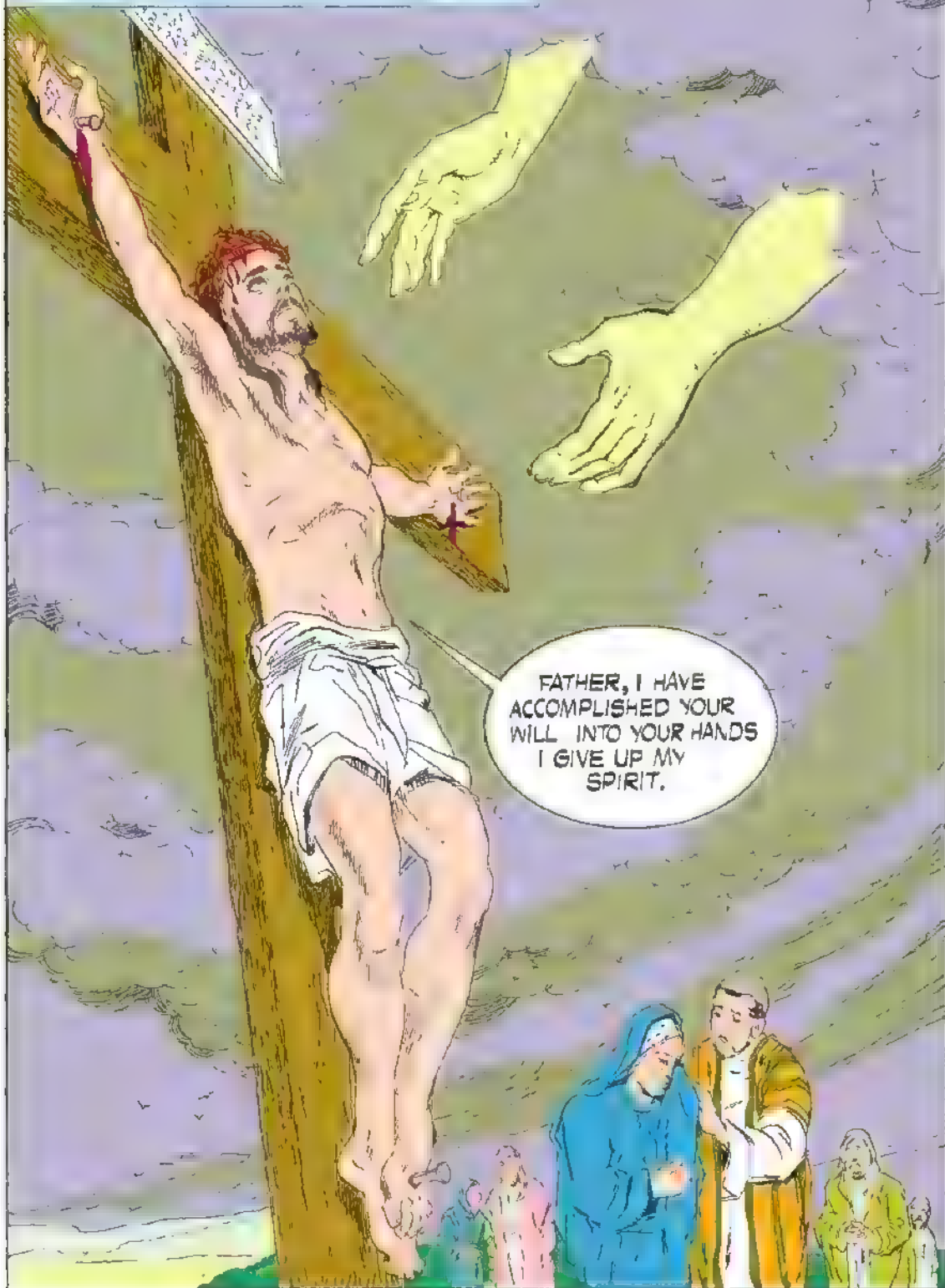


AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS STOOD MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND JOHN, HIS BELOVED DISCIPLE.

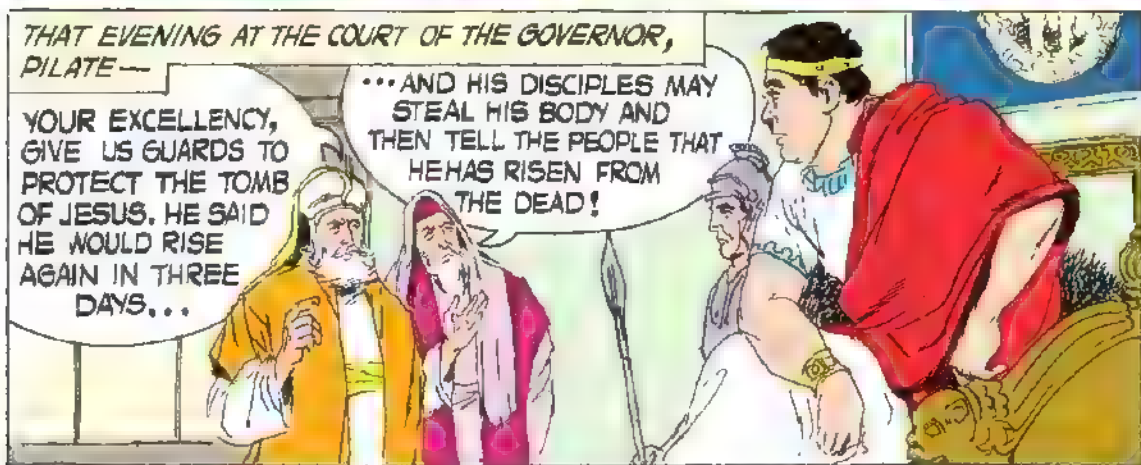
MOTHER, HE IS YOUR SON! JOHN, SHE IS YOUR MOTHER FROM NOW ON!



AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, ON A
FRIDAY WHICH IS NOW CALLED GOOD FRIDAY—



FATHER, I HAVE
ACCOMPLISHED YOUR
WILL INTO YOUR HANDS
I GIVE UP MY
SPIRIT.





AT SUNRISE, JESUS ROSE FROM THE TOMB. HE WAS ALIVE AGAIN.



THE DAY ON WHICH CHRIST AROSE AGAIN IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR AND IS CALLED EASTER SUNDAY.

THE SOLDIERS RUSHED TO CAIAPHAS, AND TOLD HIM WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

NOW, NOW, CALM DOWN!
SPEAK TO NO ONE OF
WHAT YOU HAVE
SEEN!

HERE'S FIVE HUNDRED
SILVER PIECES FOR
EACH ONE OF
YOU!

HA! HA! JUST
SPREAD AROUND
THE STORY THAT THE
DISCIPLES STOLE
HIS BODY!



MEANWHILE, MARY MAGDELENE
A FOLLOWER OF JESUS, CAME TO
THE TOMB.

THE STONE HAS
BEEN ROLLED AWAY! THE
TOMB IS EMPTY! WHERE
HAVE THEY TAKEN MY
LORD?

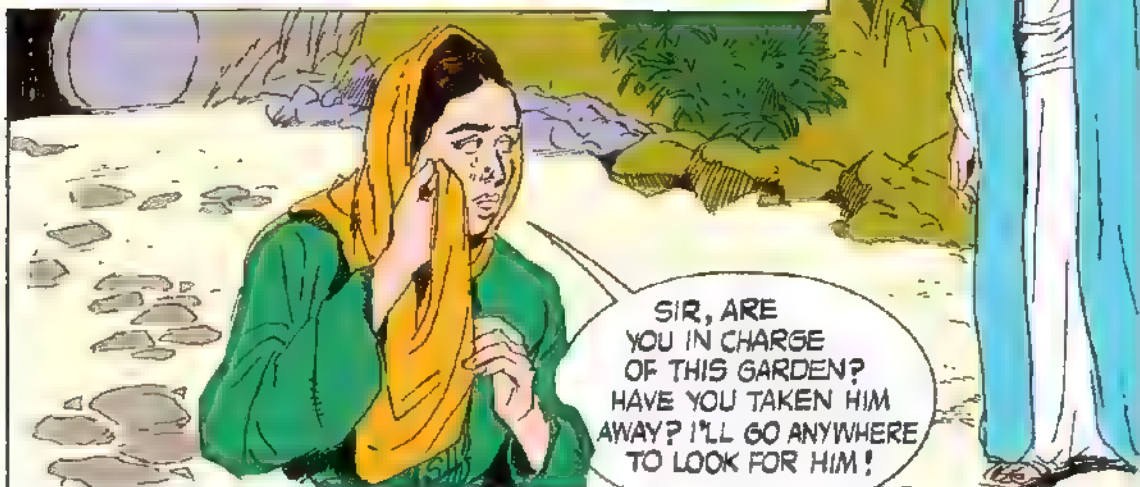
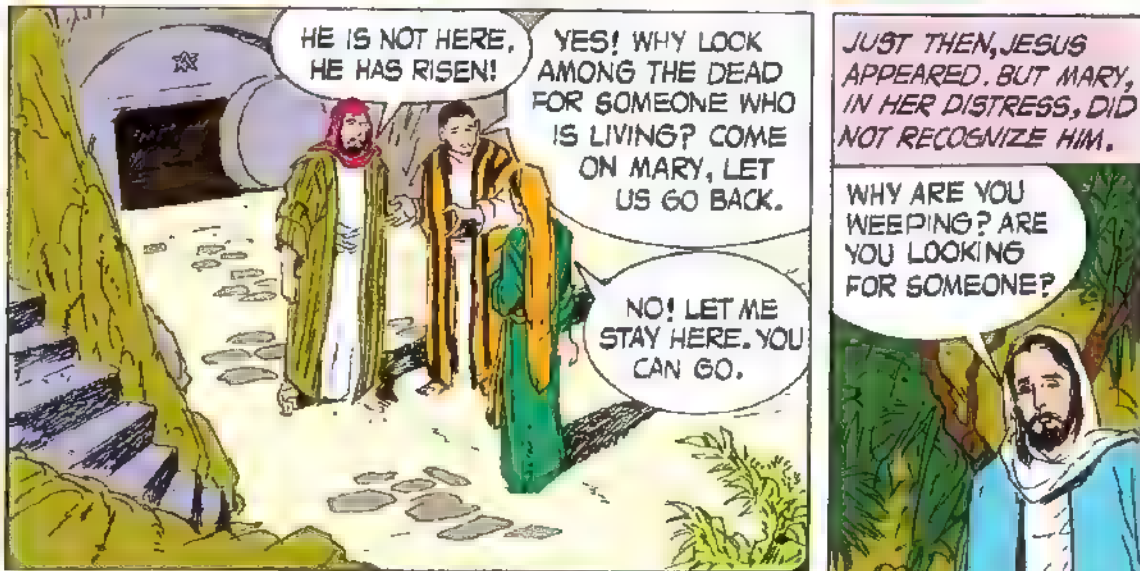
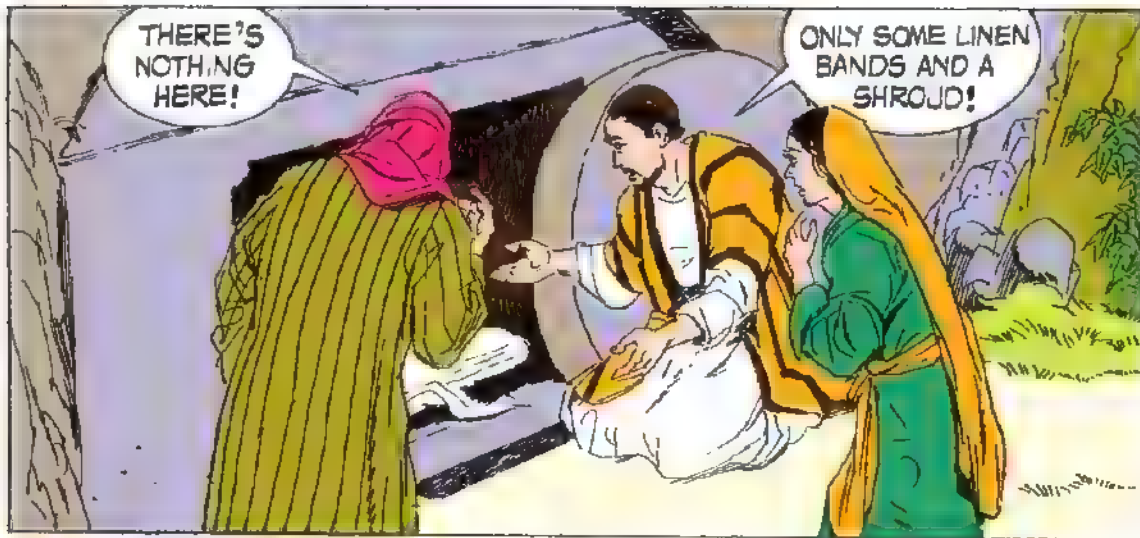


SHE RAN BACK TO THE CITY—

PETER, JOHN—
THE TOMB IS
EMPTY!

LET'S
GO AND SEE!
HURRY UP!







MARY!

OH! JESUS,
MY LORD!

THAT SAME EVENING, AS HIS DISCIPLES
WERE RETURNING HOME FROM
JERUSALEM, JESUS JOINED THEM.



WHY ARE YOU
SO SAD?

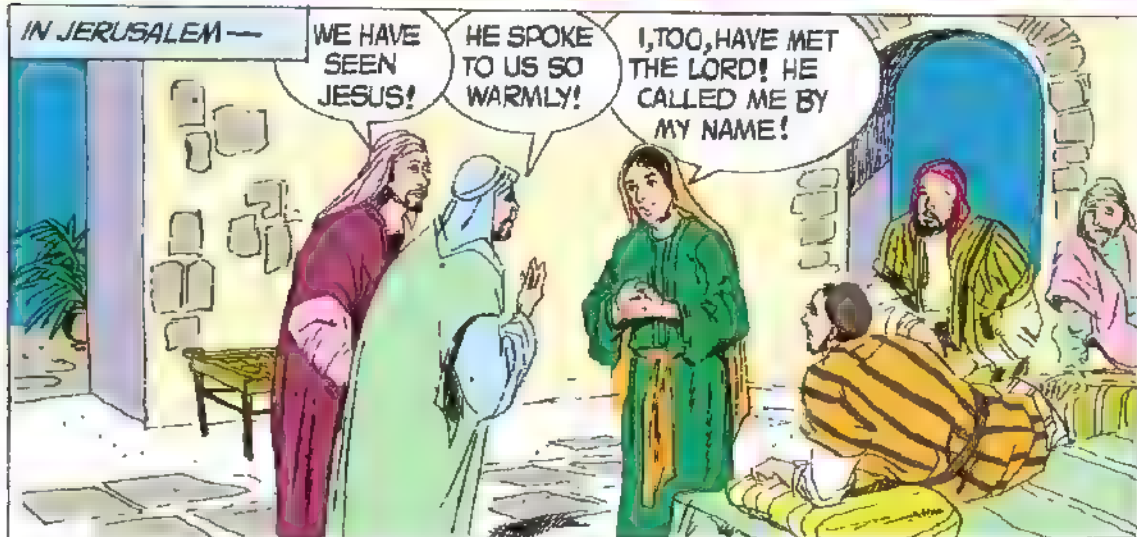
BUT THEY FAILED TO RECOGNIZE JESUS.

JESUS HAD TOLD US
HE WOULD RISE AGAIN
AFTER THREE DAYS.
THREE DAYS HAVE NOW
PASSED BUT THERE
IS NO SIGN OF
HIM YET.



NO SIGN OF HIM? HOW
FOOLISH YOU ARE! WASN'T
IT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO
DIE LIKE A LAMB AND SHED
BLOOD TO SAVE ALL MEN
FROM SIN? WASN'T IT
FORETOLD BY THE
PROPHETS?

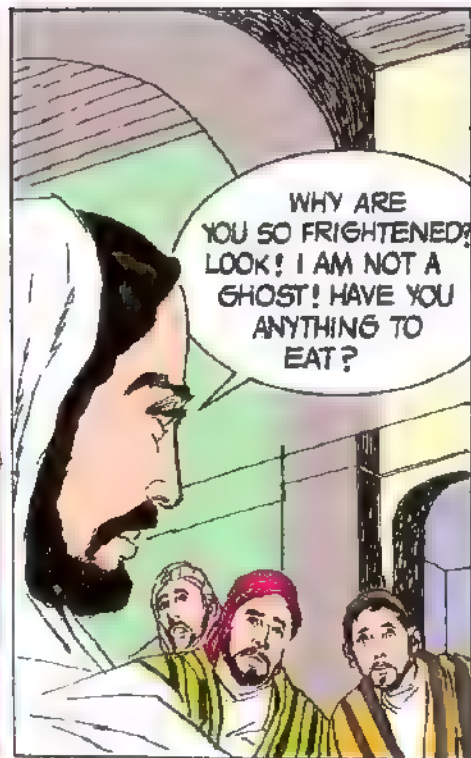




SUDDENLY, JESUS APPEARED IN THEIR MIDST.



PEACE BE
WITH YOU!



WHY ARE
YOU SO FRIGHTENED?
LOOK! I AM NOT A
GHOST! HAVE YOU
ANYTHING TO
EAT?

THEY GAVE HIM SOME FISH.



HMM! IT'S
TASTY. THOMAS
IS NOT WITH
YOU? TELL
HIM I
MISSED
HIM.

THEN HE DISAPPEARED.

WHEN THOMAS RETURNED —



THOMAS, THE LORD,
WAS HERE JUST NOW!
HE ATE UP THE FRIED
FISH WE KEPT
FOR YOU!

HE SAID HE
MISSED
YOU!

MISSED ME?
IT CAN'T BE! YOU
HAVE ALL GONE
CRAZY! KEEP ME
OUT OF THIS
GHOST STORY!

HOW CAN A DEAD MAN
COME BACK TO LIFE?
UNLESS I PUT MY FINGER
ON THE WOUNDS IN HIS
HANDS, I WILL NOT
BELIEVE!



EIGHT DAYS LATER, JESUS CAME —

PEACE BE WITH
YOU, THOMAS!

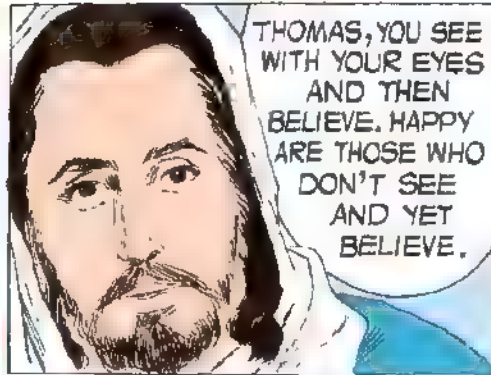


TAKE MY HANDS AND FEEL
THE WOUNDS. YOU NEED
PROOF, MY DOUBTING
THOMAS!

MY LORD
AND MY
GOD!



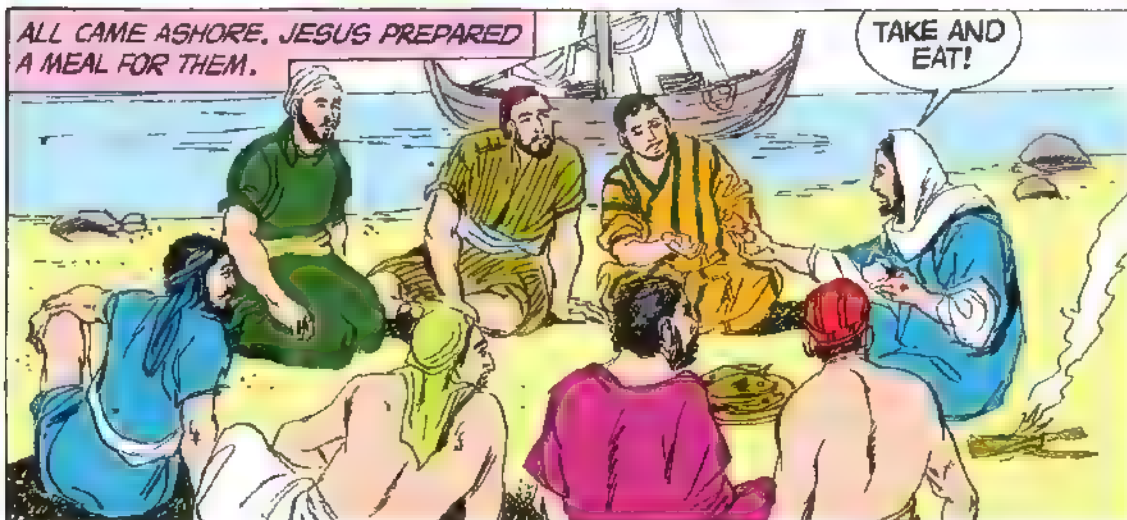
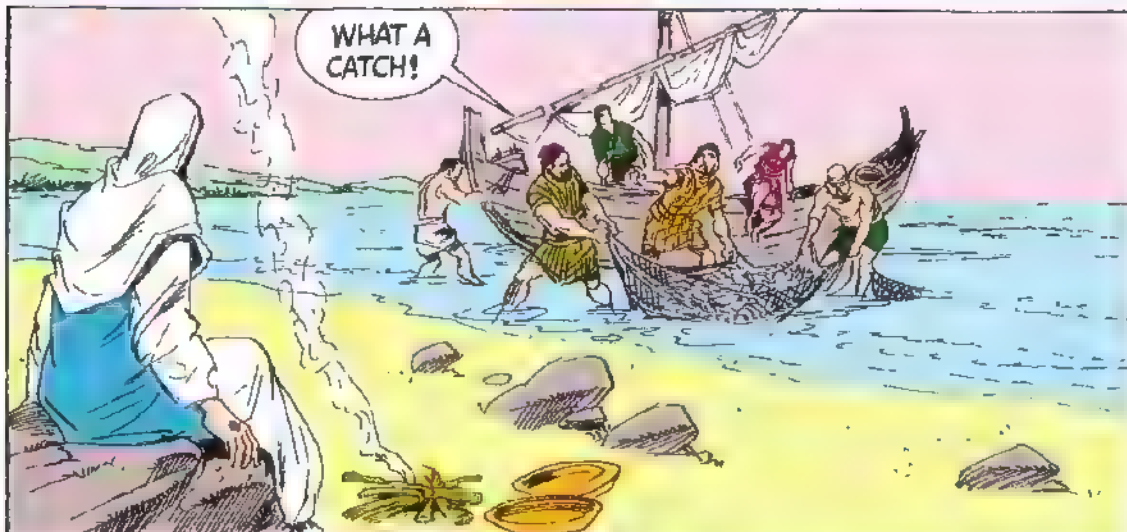
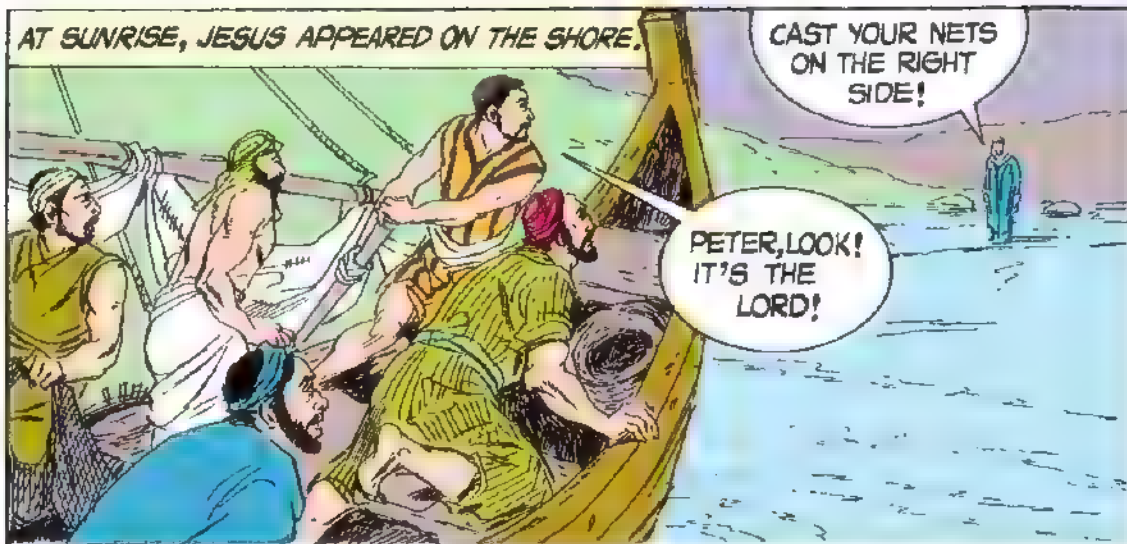
THOMAS, YOU SEE
WITH YOUR EYES
AND THEN
BELIEVE. HAPPY
ARE THOSE WHO
DON'T SEE
AND YET
BELIEVE.

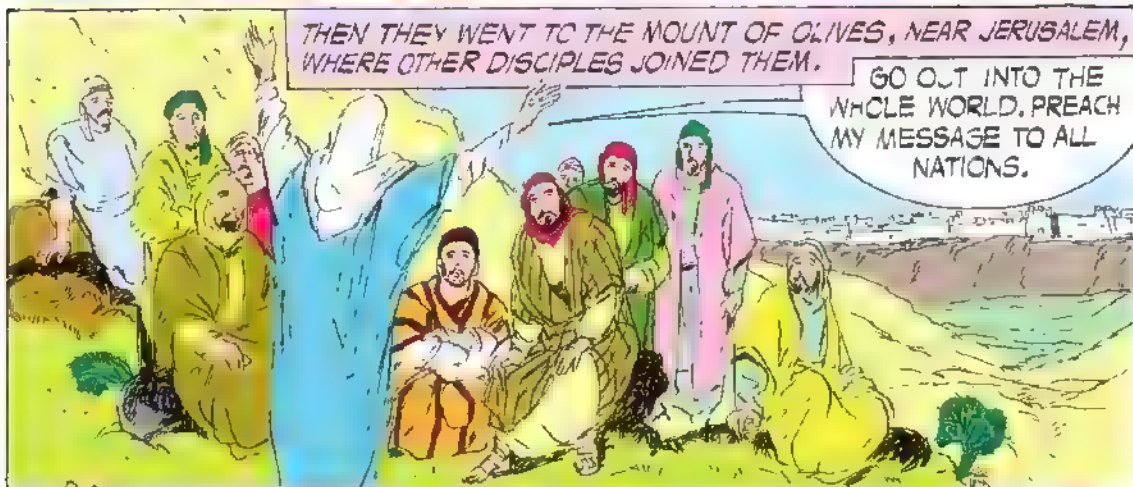


THAT NIGHT, SEVEN OF THE DISCIPLES WENT
FISHING IN THE SEA OF GALILEE. AT DAWN—

PETER, OUR NETS
ARE EMPTY. WE'LL NEVER
CATCH ANYTHING!







BEFORE THEIR EYES, JESUS WAS TAKEN UP TO HEAVEN. HIS HUMAN NATURE WAS GLORIFIED. THE SON HAD COMPLETED HIS TASK AND RETURNED TO THE FATHER.



THAT NIGHT, THE ELEVEN DISCIPLES MET IN JERUSALEM TO PRAY TOGETHER. MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND OTHERS WERE ALSO PRESENT.



THEY WERE IN DEEP PRAYER FOR NINE DAYS. ON THE TENTH DAY, AT DAWN, SUDDENLY THERE WAS A SOUND, LIKE THE POWERFUL ROARING OF THE WIND.



AND THEY SAW SOMETHING LIKE TONGUES OF FIRE. ALL THOSE PRESENT WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.



THE STRANGE HAPPENINGS ATTRACTED THE PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM —



SOME PEOPLE FOUND IT VERY FUNNY.



PETER, THE LEADER OF THE DISCIPLES CAME OUT.

MEN OF ISRAEL, LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY! WHAT YOU SEE AND HEAR IS THE POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT SENT TO US BY JESUS. YOU PUT JESUS CHRIST TO DEATH BUT GOD HAS GIVEN HIM VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH!



HEARING THE BOLD BUT TRUE WORDS OF PETER, THE PEOPLE WERE VERY TOUCHED.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO, BROTHERS?

SHOW US THE WAY.



CHANGE YOUR LIVES! THEN YOU, TOO, WILL RECEIVE THE PEACE AND POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT!

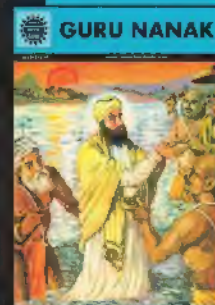
FROM THAT DAY ONWARDS, CHRISTIANITY* KEPT SPREADING ALL OVER THE WORLD. JESUS CHRIST STILL ATTRACTS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE TODAY.

*THESE PEOPLE WERE LATER CALLED CHRISTIANS, I.E. FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST

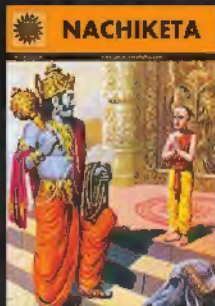
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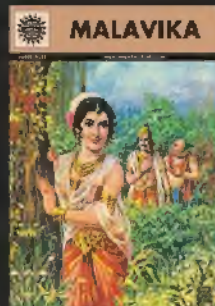
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